

July 9, 2026

Dear Camille and Sahar,

**COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION**
of Snohomish County

I'm writing in response to your letters of June 10 and June 17, addressed to my colleague, Alvaro Guillen. At the Community Foundation of Snohomish County, we appreciate your office's attention to our letters raising concerns about the Department of Licensing sharing Washingtonians' driver and vehicle data for purposes of immigration enforcement. We also appreciate the work you have dedicated to efforts to curtail this practice. However, we believe that the problem continues. I am writing to ask that you continue this work until we can be sure that Washington's 2019 law, Keep Washington Working, is being upheld by all state agencies.

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In your June 17 letter to us, you state that you took action on April 14 to block CBP access to Nlets using the ORI VACBP1500, and ask us to inform you if we are aware of searches of DOL data from that ORI being performed after that date. We are a community-based organization. We don't have the training or capacity to monitor the intra-institutional communications of state agencies. However, we asked researchers at the University of Washington Center for Human Rights if they had evidence of searches occurring after the date on which you report that access was blocked, and they informed us that they do. Furthermore, they have evidence that ICE is still using DOL data to conduct immigration enforcement on our streets; more than fifty such arrests have now been confirmed, pursuant to data searches conducted by multiple ICE and CBP ORIs.

I would like to ask your office to communicate more transparently about its practices regarding DOL data-sharing. Although on June 17, you shared the above information with us about actions taken in April, those actions were not mentioned at all in the June 1 status report on the actions taken to protect personal data, required under Proviso 31 of the 25-27 Supplemental Transportation Budget, despite having happened months prior. Similarly, they were not shared with community stakeholders in the June 12 meeting with multiple NGOs and community-based organizations when an update on this topic was given – even when one participant asked DOL Deputy Director Ale' Sanchez for a timeline on which DOL might consider blocking any CBP ORIs. We agree with you that misinformation is harmful, so to limit the extent to which different organizations are operating with different information about the actions of our state government, I am sharing our correspondence with the regular attendees at those meetings, and plan to share a copy with the media as well.

As you rightly say in your June 10 letter, Washington has been at the forefront of the nation in many efforts to safeguard immigrant rights. I ask that you honor that tradition and recognize the urgency of this moment by engaging in a more transparent conversation with all stakeholders about how and why Washingtonians' data is being shared for civil immigration enforcement – and when we can expect this to stop, in compliance with state law.

I look forward to hearing from you.


Karri Matau, President & CEO
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