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Say No to a National Highway System of Patient Records

Last week, at a U.S. Senate hearing on electronic health records, Democrat Senator Sheldon Whitehouse said health information technology, which includes electronic health records, is key to enabling national healthcare priorities and transformation. He claimed Health IT is a “critical national infrastructure that should be seen just like our highway system.”

But let me ask you, can government agencies plus potentially 2.2 million entities dig into the details of your driving habits, the occupants of your car, your destination, how long you stayed and the purpose of your visit? That’s what HIPAA allows with your medical records. Let’s not accept highway analogies that have no place in the discussion of health privacy.

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