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Subject: CPHS draft regs public comment

I am writing to express concern about the proposed regulations the Committee is exploring.

I am an economics professor at the University of Rochester. My research includes the use of pre-existing government datasets on health care utilization, employment and income, and SNAP and other benefit receipt. Members of the public benefit when such research informs better policy-making. My research has been used by the Congressional Budget Office, the House, and numerous states to help evaluate and design evidence-based laws that provide affordable health care and other benefits to the public. Such research would be impossible if it required separate consent from each individual represented in government data instead of relying on the existing Common Rule.

Please consider preserving researchers' ability to conduct valuable research that can continue to benefit Californians.

Sincerely,
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