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Good morning Penny,

I am not opposed to the idea of making court records more accessible. However, if under the proposal all of the available court records would be in a searchable format then I have grave concerns that the open access would allow data mining of voluminous amounts of personal identifying information. Despite Rule 3.4 of the Rules of Court I see numerous filings on a regular basis that are not under seal nor subject to a protective order that contain birthdays, social security numbers, financial account numbers etc. that have not been redacted. Everything from QDROs to bank statements and everything in-between, filed by pro se litigants and attorneys alike. These documents are a potential gold mine for identity thieves.

Sincerely,

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