



With the new year upon us, we reflect on the many challenges and lessons of 2020. This week's *Insider* offers a collection of the most read posts of 2020.

#### CYBERSECURITY

##### [Working from Home During the Pandemic? Turn Alexa and Siri Off!](#)

The transition from work-from-the-office to work-from-home has been rapid during the pandemic. All of a sudden, millions of workers are working from home, while data security personnel were not able to plan and operationalize the transition in an optimal way. Many security measures are being put in place now as everyone settles into the new norm. [Read more](#)

#### DATA PRIVACY

##### [Massachusetts Ballot Question Poses Privacy Concerns](#)

Ballot Question 1 in Massachusetts, if passed in November, would require car manufacturers that sell cars equipped with telematics systems (i.e., a method of monitoring a vehicle by combining a GPS system with on-board diagnostics to record – and map – exactly where a car is and how fast it's traveling, etc.) to install a standardized, open data platform beginning with model year 2022. Such a system would allow the cars' owners to access their telematics system data through a mobile app and give their consent for independent repair facilities to access those data and send commands to the system for repair, maintenance, and diagnostic testing. [Read more](#)

##### [A Deeper Dive into the Privacy + Cybersecurity Concerns about Massachusetts' Ballot Question 1](#)

After a deeper dive, it appears that the biggest change is that if a manufacturer decides that it would be more lucrative to remove the OBD ports from its vehicles and transmit all of this data wirelessly to its dealers (essentially taking away access by the local repair shops, and still acting in accordance with the current Right to Repair law), there would be no way for the local repair shops to get the data needed to diagnose and repair its long-time customer's car. [Read more](#)

##### [Massachusetts Ballot Question 1 Still on the Forefront as Automakers Sue to Block its Implementation](#)

A group of automakers through the Alliance for Automotive Innovation is suing Massachusetts in federal court to block the new 'Right to Repair'

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law that passed on November 3, 2020. This law was known as “Question 1” to Massachusetts residents. [Read more](#)

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### [The Washington Privacy Act – Re-Introduced for 2020 – Is it the Best of CCPA and GDPR?](#)

Washington legislators recently introduced the [Washington Privacy Act](#) (WPA). This legislation is a consumer-focused privacy law similar to the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA) but it also has some EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)-like concepts. The WPA protects personal data in much the same way as CCPA, but with some significant differences. The WPA applies to legal entities that conduct business in Washington or produce products or services that are targeted to residents of Washington. [Read more](#)

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### **PRIVACY TIP #235**

#### [Economic Stimulus Check Scams](#)

In the past week, the United States government started issuing Economic Impact Payments (EIP). This is where the scammers come in. Scammers know that people are scared and desperate because of this pandemic, that many have lost their jobs or are working reduced hours and working from home. They are taking advantage of the situation by calling vulnerable people on the telephone. [Read more](#)



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