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The Honorable Robert Craven
House Judiciary Committee
Rhode Island State House
82 Smith Street
House Lounge
Providence, RI 02903

RE: H5659 - Support with Amendments

Chairman Craven and Honorable Members of the House Judiciary Committee:

Flock Safety appreciates the opportunity to provide comment on this important legislation related to the use of Automatic License Plate Readers (ALPRs) in Rhode Island. As the committee is aware, ALPRs are one of the principal tools that local police departments utilize in identifying the objective evidence needed to locate the suspect vehicles regarding criminal activity. Studies show that about 70 percent of all crime is committed in conjunction with using an automobile. And there are numerous examples of high profile crimes that have been solved thanks in part to ALPRs.

Flock Safety is in support of regulations that ensure transparency and safe use of this important technology, but would like to highlight that this legislation would limit the ability of law enforcement to use ALPRs to address meaningful, non-violent crimes like larceny, vandalism, etc. Additionally, this legislation does not prohibit the selling of ALPR data by vendors, which Flock Safety would strongly support.

As we have in the past Flock would appreciate the opportunity to work with the bill's sponsor to address these and other important issues related to this legislation.

Sincerely,

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