

Testimony in **SUPPORT** of 26-H 8077

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I am writing in support of 26-H 8077, which would create reasonable safeguards around the installation and use of automated license plate reader cameras in Rhode Island.

I have significant concerns about privacy and the use of and access to the data that these ALPR cameras produce. While cameras in public places are ubiquitous, the public does not need to completely give themselves over to a pseudo surveillance state, at least from a public policy standpoint. In short, public safety objectives can also be met without sacrificing basic privacy.

If the State of Rhode Island and certain municipalities are going to track their citizens by virtue of ALPR technology, we can at least create a process for municipal approval and installation of ALPR cameras and create a public log of why the data sharing network is being searched.

Thank you for your consideration.

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