



March 24, 2026

The Honorable Carol Hagan McEntee
House Judiciary Committee
Rhode Island State House
82 Smith Street
House Lounge
Providence, RI 02903

RE: H8077 - Support with Amendments

Chair McEntee and Honorable Members of the House Judiciary Committee:

Flock Safety is the nation's leading provider of ALPRs, and we have the privilege of providing law enforcement across Rhode Island with critical technology that helps recover stolen vehicles, bring missing kids home safely, and close cases that would otherwise stay cold. 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.

Last December, Flock Safety ALPRs were credited by the Providence Police Department for identifying and locating the vehicle used by the individual responsible for the horrific mass shooting at Brown University and the murder of a professor at MIT.

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. We support the need for guardrails for this critical technology, however we share the same concerns that have been raised by Rhode Island law enforcement about a few provisions currently in the bill. For example, this legislation would limit the ability of law enforcement to use ALPRs to address meaningful, non-violent crimes like larceny, vandalism, etc.

I'm happy to further address our specific concerns regarding the language, but with my time I wanted to speak about how our technology works to ensure the Committee has the facts.

Flock Safety's technology is designed to capture objective evidence. Our cameras capture point-in-time images of vehicles on public roads, it is not equipped with facial recognition and does not collect personally identifiable information like names or addresses.

I want to be clear that all data is owned by our customers and our technology empowers communities to have control over how their data is used and if they choose to opt in to sharing data with any other law enforcement agency. Additionally, Flock Safety does NOT and has NEVER sold customer data.

Flock Safety requires law enforcement to provide specific justification for each query made in our system. Each time a search is conducted is captured in our audit log to ensure each search is compliant with all applicable policies and regulations. We also have specific protections for queries related to reproductive care and immigration. I would also note that Flock was credited by police in Palm Springs, California for solving the case involving the [bombing of a reproductive care clinic](#) on May 17, 2025.

With regards to the security of the data, all data is protected with end-to-end encryption, both while it is being transmitted and while it is stored. All data is stored in the cloud and Flock Safety's cloud data retention policy defaults to a 30-day rolling period, after which all footage and metadata are permanently deleted. All data is securely stored with AES256 encryption with our cloud provider, Amazon Web Services.

Finally, I want to briefly discuss Flock's audit logs. Flock Safety requires law enforcement to provide specific justification for each query made in our system. Each time a search is conducted is captured in our audit log to ensure each search is compliant with all applicable policies and regulations.

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,

Kevin Kane
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