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Testimony in Support of H8077

Dear Honorable Members of the House Judiciary Committee

I am writing in support of H8077 – An Act Relating to Criminal Procedure – Automated License Plate Readers. The question of installing ALPR cameras in our communities is a non-partisan issue and has raised alarms among people across the nation and across the political spectrum. Many towns and cities – including towns of Warren and Portsmouth, RI - have decided against installation and others are ending their contracts because of liability issues and/or civil liberties concerns. ALPR cameras have been employed to track down immigrants and to record protestors' whereabouts. A Nov. 20 article by EFF (Electronic Frontier Foundation – leading nonprofit defending digital privacy, free speech and innovation) reported the results of their research of Flock data obtained through a public records request. They discovered that more than 50 federal, state and local agencies ran hundreds of searches through Flock's national network of surveillance data relating to public protests. Therefore I think this legislation is crucial in order to protect Rhode Islanders from violations of their civil liberties and I strongly urge you to support H8077.

Thank you!

Sincerely Yours,

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