

## Testimony in Support of H8077

I am writing in support of H8077 – An Act Relating to Criminal Procedure – Automated License Plate Readers.

Having participated significantly in the fight to keep ALPR cameras out of Bristol, I am aware of the research demonstrating the risks inherent in their misuse in regards to privacy issues.

I do not argue their efficacy in solving crimes, but believe they neither deter nor prevent them.

Distrust of ALPR cameras in our communities is a non-partisan issue and has raised alarms among people across the nation and across the political spectrum. Numerous towns have cancelled contracts and several have been sued for their misuse. Warren and Portsmouth, RI have not to allow them in their communities, but Bristol will be installing one and many communities in RI already have them.

ALPR cameras have been employed to track down immigrants and to record protestors' whereabouts. EFF (Electronic Frontier Foundation) 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.

If we can't keep them out of Rhode Island, at least we can regulate them.

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,  
Nancy Kellner