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SB 0840 Public Safety - Automatic License Plate Readers - Captured Plate Data Storage and Upload

Dear Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee:

I strongly oppose this bill. This is an invasion of privacy. Anytime the government says "This is for your safety," it is probably a slippery slope to tyranny. Consider the NY type of privacy infringement.

This bill says that our data from license plate readers will be collected and stored by law enforcement in a database, and may be uploaded to a database owned or operated by the Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center." The plan is for Smart Cities, now re-named "15-Minute Cities," to use methods of tracking and surveillance such as this, as the globalist mantra is to keep our carbon footprint small because of "Climate Change." It is the Klaus Schwab/UNAgenda21 playbook. Globalists like Klaus think China is great. This database will contain the private information of mostly innocent citizens, and of course, has the potential to be hacked, no matter how many cybersecurity measures are put into place. Many times, I have experienced my accounts being hacked causing many financial issues.

I can see a benefit in protecting innocent people from criminals, but in this climate, I do not trust the government much. There is too much potential for overreach and abuse, especially now with facial recognition and AI. Just bring back the police you took away, give them back the ability to do their jobs, and stop taking away privacy and freedom. Look around.

Aren't we becoming a Surveillance State? Please oppose this Senate Bill 840 and stop the proliferation of Surveillance State infrastructure on us!

Thank you.