SB0840 OPPOSE

Dear Committee Members:

I am strongly opposed to this bill. This is an invasion of privacy. Anytime the government says "this is for your safety," it's probably a slippery slope to tyranny. So 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 Md 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 "Climate Change." It's the Klaus Schwab/UNAgenda21 playbook. Globalists like Klaus think China is a great role model! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j6N8PJVdALM 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. I can see a benefit in protecting innocents from criminals, but in this climate, I don't trust the government much. There is too much potential for overreach and abuse, especially now with facial recognition and Al. 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? Is this becoming Please oppose this bill and stop the proliferation of Surveillance State infrastructure on us!

Example problems in NY from this type of infringement on privacy: https://www.nyclu.org/en/automatic-license-plate-readers

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