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HB0762 - Law Enforcement – Use of Facial Recognition Technology – Images Captured by Camera Affixed to Dwelling Exterior

I am in strong opposition to HB 0762 - Use of Facial Recognition Technology – Images Captured by Camera Affixed to Dwelling Exterior, as I believe this bill is an infringement on Marylanders' longheld right to privacy.

In 1965, the U.S. Supreme Court first recognized the “right to privacy” in *Griswold v. Connecticut*. In *Griswold*, the Supreme Court found a right to privacy, derived from penumbras of other explicitly stated constitutional protections. The Court used the personal protections expressly stated in the First, Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Ninth Amendments to find that there is an implied right to privacy in the Constitution. The Court found that when one takes the penumbras together, the Constitution creates a “zone of privacy.”

The home is the most private place a person has access to. Utilizing images and video footage recorded outside someone's home to build a criminal case is, in my opinion, an invasion of privacy and an infringement on our constitutional rights. Pairing facial recognition technology with databases of state registered identification to use to identify individuals in photographs or videos taken at their homes (their own private property) is an overreach of authority. Our police departments have more than enough funding, resources, and manpower to build criminal cases in order to prosecute without needing access to footage taken at or inside people's homes.

Please vote against this bill and any future iterations thereof.

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