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**Legislation:
Legislation must be debated in order.**



A Bill to Prohibit Automated License Plate Reader Networks

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1.

The Fourth Amendment to the Constitution protects the people against unreasonable searches and seizures, including the sustained warrantless tracking of their movements; and

SECTION 2.

Commercial automated license plate reader networks now operate in more than five thousand jurisdictions and have been queried by federal agencies without warrants and without the authorization of the jurisdictions that own the cameras, resulting in the wrongful detention and search of United States citizens.

SECTION 3.

The United States shall prohibit automated license plate reader networks, to include:

Prohibition: Bar the operation of any automated license plate reader network by, for, or on behalf of any federal, state or local law enforcement agency.

Data Destruction: Require the deletion of all records previously collected by such networks within ninety days, excepting only data subject to an active criminal prosecution.

Enforcement: Establish a private right of action for any individual whose vehicle was recorded in violation of this Act.

SECTION 4.

This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage.

SECTION 5.

All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Bill to Prohibit the Use of Artificial Intelligence in Immigration Enforcement

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1.

Federal immigration enforcement relies increasingly upon automated systems to assess risk, identify individuals, and prioritize enforcement action; and

SECTION 2.

These systems operate without public disclosure of their design, error rates or training data, and their determinations cannot be meaningfully contested by the individuals they affect.

SECTION 3.

The United States shall prohibit the use of artificial intelligence in immigration enforcement, to include:

Prohibition: Bar any federal agency from employing an automated or machine-learning system to identify, flag, screen, prioritize or assess any individual for immigration enforcement purposes.

Human Determination: Require that every enforcement action, admission determination and detention decision rest upon the independent judgment of a federal officer.

Audit and Disclosure: Direct the Department of Homeland Security to publish, within one hundred eighty days, a complete inventory of automated systems then in use, and to permanently decommission each such system.

SECTION 4.

This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage.

SECTION 5.

All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Bill to Suspend the Writ of Habeas Corpus for Individuals Detained on Terrorism Grounds

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1.

Article I, Section 9 of the Constitution provides that the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus shall not be suspended unless in cases of rebellion or invasion the public safety may require it; and

SECTION 2.

The presence within the United States of a directed network conducting pre-operational surveillance of critical infrastructure constitutes an invasion within the meaning of that clause.

SECTION 3.

The United States shall suspend the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus, to include:

Suspension: Suspend the privilege for any individual, without regard to citizenship, whom the Attorney General certifies to be detained upon suspicion of involvement in a plot against critical infrastructure.

Duration: Limit the suspension to a period of two years, subject to renewal only by joint resolution of Congress.

Reporting: Require the Attorney General to report to the Committees on the Judiciary every thirty days on each individual so certified.

SECTION 4.

This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage.

SECTION 5.

All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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