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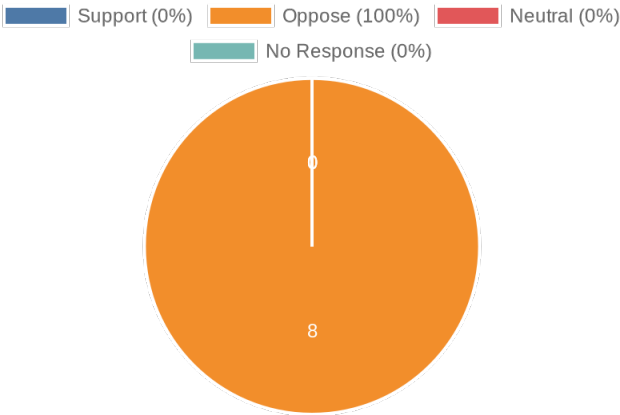
eComments Report

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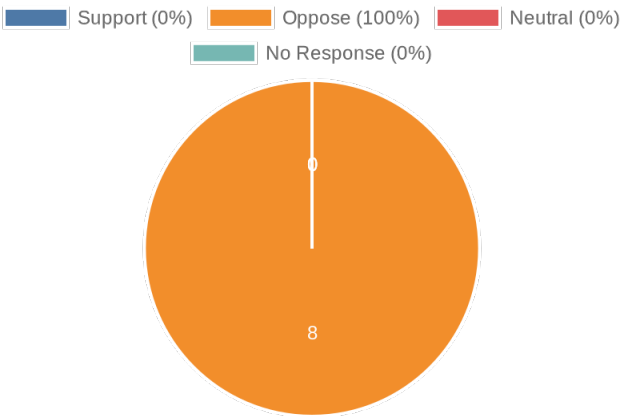
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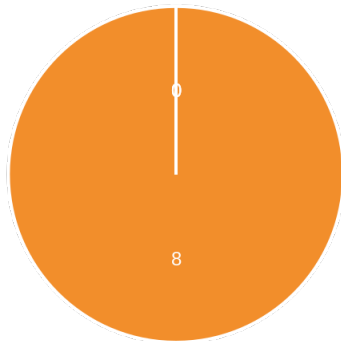
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Overall Sentiment

Support (0%) Oppose (100%) Neutral (0%)
No Response (0%)



Alexis Baria

Location:

Submitted At: 8:28am 12-09-25

Dear Committee members,

I live in Whitefish Bay and am an artificial intelligence product safety researcher for Underwriters Laboratory. I previously studied the societal effects of algorithmic surveillance as a Social and Racial Justice Scholar at IBM Research. The research shows facial recognition technology (FRT) in law enforcement at best poses inconclusive benefits to communities, but the harms are well documented. Particularly, undue criminalization continues to be a great threat, especially to marginalized and under-invested communities.

Increased surveillance, even in the absence of FRT, has been shown to cause decreased public participation and engagement in with education, healthcare, and banking institutions due to increased fear of being criminalized. In other words, people avoid systems that are supposed to provide benefit when they are encountered with surveillance. FRT amplifies this, increases fear and worsens public participation in communities— more recent studies suggest FRT decreases voter turnout as well.

This harms everyone and is a threat to democratic participation, while the benefits have not been shown to be reliable. Faulty technological aspects aside, FRT is too frequently abused to provide a net safety benefit and I highly oppose. Thank you for listening

Alan Chavoya

Location:

Submitted At: 7:12am 12-09-25

Dear members of the JLEGS committee, on behalf of the Milwaukee Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression, I would like to urge this body to reject any utilization of Facial Recognition Technology, especially if at

the county level, the Sheriff's office would have control over it. Time and time again, the MCSO has shown its inability to be transparent, and it routinely presents obstacles for community members of families of people who have suffer at the hands of this office. We have no reason to believe that the MCSO will not abuse FRT to further repress Milwaukee County residents. We already know, thanks to good reporting, that ICE will have access to FRT. Sheriff Ball may not state the MCSO is collaborating with ICE, but who can stop her from doing so? She already allows the to roam the halls of the courthouse complex, snatching people up She always reminds us that she's not accountable to another body, but we remind her that she's accountable to the people of Milwaukee. And the people of Milwaukee oppose FRT.

The city of Milwaukee has already heard the issues with FRT. Countless people delivered testimony against it, so why must we put up with another law enforcement agency trying to bypass the desires and interests of the people in order to access this technology?

Again, I urge this body to stand with the people of Milwaukee and oppose any attempts by the MCSO to utilize FRT. The MCSO cannot be trusted with it. Without community control, FRT in the hands of an out of control MCSO will be weaponized against Milwaukee residents and further the racist and political repression in Milwaukee. We cannot allow this to happen.

Regan Andersen

Location:

Submitted At: 10:10pm 12-08-25

To Sheriff Denita Ball and Distinguished Members and guests of the Committee: I am writing in opposition to File #25-743. The draft policy is too broad and the use of facial recognition technology is too dangerous at this moment in history.

My Concerns re: the Countywide Policy Draft & Sheriff's Policy 610:

- (1) The authorized uses in the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) Policy 610 are dangerously broad. They contain categories such as FRT use with "A reasonable suspicion that an identifiable individual has committed a criminal offense or is involved in or planning criminal conduct or activity that presents a threat to any individual or the community," and "Unknown individuals pursuant to any other legitimate law enforcement investigations"
- (2) Oversight and Transparency: Milwaukee County lacks a robust oversight body for the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office.
- (3) The framework seems to stand in contrast to the County Board's resolution, which calls for policy to include "informed knowledge and consent of the individual being scanned" except for "narrowly defined circumstances."
- (4) The framework does not seem to have been developed with "relevant stakeholders, including privacy and free speech advocates" as requested by the County Board's resolution.

Concerns with law enforcement use of Facial Recognition Technology (as it related to this item):

- (1) Facial recognition technology (FRT) threatens our personal privacy and civil liberties. Your face should belong to you, and you should have control over how your face is used.
- (2) FRT is part of a system of invasive surveillance technologies that are weaponized by authoritarian governments against community members.
- (3) Even with policy restrictions, law enforcement and immigration enforcement nationwide have abused Facial Recognition Technology – and even ignored bans. FRT has led to wrongful arrests and lawsuits.
- (4) Even with the best of intentions behind restrictions on information-sharing, the federal government and immigration enforcement has already accessed third-party databases and is using Facial Recognition Technology. (See 1)
- (5) Community does not have oversight when it comes to the third-party companies like Biometrica that local law enforcement is dependent on for surveillance technology – these companies can do whatever they want, and we can't stop them.

Jodi Delfosse

Location:

Submitted At: 8:43pm 12-08-25

I and others have significant concerns with the policy as currently drafted, which I can expand upon. But in this climate, under this administration -- this is not the time to give any additional access or authority to police. The

language in the draft is vague around legitimate uses - which means its up to interpretation, and potential abuse. The technology has been shown to be unreliable when assessing faces of people of color. And the lack of formal oversight on the sheriff's dept leads to potential for abuse as well. The policy - and the technology - need further development. And the Us vs Them posture of the federal government needs to be on its way out before the technology is brought to the streets of our community.

Heather Godley

Location:

Submitted At: 7:24pm 12-08-25

This is overly broad, and downright dangerous to consider at this time in history. Authoritarians use this kind of technology to suppress civil rights, and we need to protect against it.

Katharine Beutner

Location:

Submitted At: 5:09pm 12-08-25

I'm commentiny to express my deep opposition to the county's proposed policy for use of facial recognition technology (FRT).

Some of my objections are general and philosophical--FRT threatens all our civil liberties--but many are specific to the policy proposed by Sheriff Ball. The authorized uses in the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) Policy 610 are dangerously broad. Additionally, The countywide Data Management restrictions do not sufficiently protect against federal government or immigration enforcement access--two very real risks at this moment in our country. It's too dangerous for our county to move forward with adopting FRT in the current political climate.

How can we trust the Sheriff's Office to use this technology responsibly when they revealed in May that they'd already secretly been using FRT without any oversight? The Board of Supervisors asked that a policy framework be developed with the input of privacy and free speech advocates. That has clearly not happened, and as Milwaukee County lacks a robust oversight body for the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office, there's no reason for county residents to trust this policy proposal or any other that proposes the use of FRT.

I ask that you oppose any attempt to move this policy forward. Please do not allow our rights to be eroded by adopting FRT.

Julie Curcio

Location:

Submitted At: 2:58pm 12-08-25

I'm a resident of Milwaukee County, and I say NO to Facial Recognition Technology(FRT). The draft policy is too broad; law enforcement use of FRT is TOO DANGEROUS at this moment in history in particular. I support a full ban on FRT in Milwaukee County as a way to protect our civil and human rights. . Thank you. Julie Curcio

Karyn Rotker

Location:

Submitted At: 10:28am 12-07-25

I am a Milwaukee resident (53211 zip code) and strongly oppose ANY use of facial recognition technology. I do not believe it is necessary or safe, and I do not believe the county can or will be able to prevent its use for nefarious purposes - including by federal agencies such as ICE seeking to ensnare more and more of our neighbors in its dragnet, for targeting even peaceful protestors, or for other such uses. We know the federal government is already doing these things. Now is NOT the time to use or expand the use of this dangerous technology.