

Hi,

I heard that the Fire and Police Commission will be discussing the use of facial recognition technology by the MPD at tonight's meeting. I can't make the meeting but wanted to provide my own opinions.

I am opposed to the use of facial recognition technology by the MPD. Increased policing of the Milwaukee community is a negative development and increases the anxiety of marginalized communities. We should be putting our energy and funds into other issues like improving school funding, addressing the lack of affordable housing and providing more shelter space to those who need it.

Facial recognition technology does nothing to address the root causes of crime. I would like to see Milwaukee improve it's social safety net instead of threatening our civil liberties with new, invasive technologies.

Thanks for your consideration.

-Ben Ehler