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Subject: FW: 4/17 FPC written comment request

Dear Fire and Police Commission,

I am a Milwaukee resident, and because I won't be able to attend the FPC meeting tomorrow, I would like to submit the following to state my opposition to any plans by the Milwaukee Police Department to acquire or use facial recognition technology, and call for the Fire and Police Commission to support total bans on the use of the technology in Milwaukee.

Face recognition in all of its forms, including face scanning and real-time tracking, pose threats to civil liberties and individual privacy, as highlighted by the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights' recent report on the implications of the technology, which identified serious problems with its use by U.S. government entities.

As the Electronic Frontier Foundation has stated, "the government should not use face recognition because it is too inaccurate to determine people's rights and benefits, its inaccuracies impact people of color and members of the LGBTQ+ community at far higher rates, it threatens privacy, it chills expression, and it introduces information security risks."

Sincerely,
Ben