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Austin City Council  
Austin, Texas

Dear Honorable Austin City Council Members,

Thank you for your leadership and support of public safety for all Texans. Unfortunately, many cities, counties, and communities continue to suffer from a rise in violent crimes and loss of personal property.

As the Sheriff of Williamson County Texas, I am writing to express my/agency's support of Council Member Mackenzie Kelly's recommendation to reinstate License Plate Reader (LPR) technology at the Austin Police Department (APD). The utilization of technology such as an LPR system has proven results in assisting law enforcement agencies with invaluable data to swiftly identify vehicles associated with violent crimes such as human trafficking, homicides, armed robberies, abductions of children/persons, burglaries, vehicle theft, and many other types of community impacting misdeeds. There is a vital need for this type of technology in communities to alert law enforcement of vehicles associated with violent crime in a real-time manner, so that families, children, and all persons in all communities can be better protected and served.

LPR systems utilized by the Williamson County Sheriff's Office have enhanced our law enforcement professional's ability to locate violent criminals, and in some cases prevent violent crimes in-progress. LPR technology has exponentially aided law enforcement efforts during focused intelligence-based operations, while still preserving the delicate balance of protecting the privacy interests of citizens and communities.

I would like to request your consideration in support of Council Member Mackenzie Kelly's initiative to reinstate LPR technology at APD, to provide your constituents with as safe a community as possible. LPR technology has the proven capability of creating safer cities, neighborhoods, and communities across our great State of Texas as law enforcement continues to work together to prevent future crimes.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Gleason".

Mike Gleason  
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