



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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Julian A. Gold, M.D., Mayor

July 12, 2023

The Honorable Thomas Umberg
California State Senate, District 34
1021 O. St, Suite 3240
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 1463 (Lowenthal) Automated license plate recognition systems: retention and use of information.
City of Beverly Hills – OPPOSE

Dear Chair Umberg:

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, I write to you in respectful OPPOSITION to AB 1436 (Lowenthal), which would require a public agency end-user of an automated license plate recognition (ALPR) to purge information which does not match their hot list within 30 days. The bill would also prohibit those ALPR operators and end-users from accessing ALPR information which is older than 60 days.

Current law requires ALPR operators and ALPR end-users to implement usage and privacy policies as well as to maintain reasonable security procedures and practices regarding ALPR information. Existing law also requires the usage and privacy policy implemented by an ALPR operator or an ALPR end-user to include the length of time ALPR information will be retained. It also provides the process the ALPR operator or ALPR end-user will utilize to determine if and when to destroy retained ALPR information.

Undoubtedly, the usefulness of ALPR-collected data has permitted law enforcement agencies across the state and nation to solve crimes and apprehend criminal suspects. While some cases are solved quickly using this technology it can be exceptionally helpful in solving crimes that are significantly older. To set a data destruction timeline, such as 30 days, in statute will significantly hinder the use of such a valuable law enforcement tool, especially if this information can be used for solving cold case crimes such as homicides.

ALPR data is vital to keeping our communities safe and ensures the welfare of future generations. For these reasons, the City of Beverly Hills must respectfully OPPOSE AB 1463 (Lowenthal). Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julian A. Gold', written in a cursive style.

Julian A. Gold, M.D.
Mayor, City of Beverly Hills

cc: The Honorable Josh Lowenthal, Assemblymember, 69th District
The Honorable Ben Allen, Senator, 24th District
The Honorable Rick Zbur, Assemblymember, 51st District
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