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Public Comment on Flock Cameras

Comment

The city of Harrisonburg needs to act now to end its contract with Flock. The "safeguards" that the Flock company touts are frankly bull. They reserve the right to claim any data collected by these cameras when they deem necessary, regardless of any additional barriers the city of Harrisonburg claims to have in their contract. This company is not trustworthy. Even if it were, their cybersecurity team is laughable and has been shown to be easily compromised.

Further, this company's collaboration with the current regime and their secret police force (ICE) is disgusting. I have no doubt that this council and the HPD have every intention of protecting their citizens with this technology but its been shown that the federal government and DHS break the law on a daily basis and I fear that this council is failing to grasp the seriousness of this company's fascistic intentions of mass surveillance and the Trump administration's goals of mass detention in warehouses that have already turned into concentration camps. This technology impacts not only our immigrant neighbors, but legal observers, women seeking reproductive healthcare, protestors exercising their first amendment rights, and any political dissidents they see as a threat to their objectives. I wish I was over-reacting but the admin talks about these plans openly.

Our immigrant neighbors are already scared to leave their homes for work, school, worship, or even their legal appointments. Please act to keep the city of Harrisonburg friendly and safe for all.

Thank you for your time.

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