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I believe this bill is significantly concerning and should be rejected from consideration. I read over the summary and am left with questions such as:

- Who's to say that this won't be used in monitoring protests so that protestors can be identified, targeted for more surveillance, then retaliated against if those in power are against what the protestors are expressing? (that would be entirely unconstitutional to punish for free speech)
- Who's to say that persons lawfully residing in the U.S. but not yet legal citizens wouldn't be tracked through this tool in order to illegally be detained or deported?
- Would information such as video feed be recorded and stored? If so, who has the ability to view this information, and would it be protected from being shared further? How long would this be stored?
- What oversight would exist to make sure that law enforcement is not abusing the power of using this tool?

I am against surreptitious data collection because that fundamentally indicates a lack of consent. Not everyone in the line of the drone's sight would be a criminal or worthy of further investigation. I'm not alone in thinking that most people do not want to be surveilled by police for no good reason, and drone surveillance would unfortunately cause this on a greater scale.

It feels extremely unwise to greenlight using this tool when our country seems to be leaning closer to fascism, because it can be severely abused. I ask for this bill to be rejected.