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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SB238

I urge you to vote no on SB 238 and uphold your constituents' right to privacy and protest. This bill would enable police to use drones to surveil our community without a warrant, at protests and large events. The surveillance will extend beyond the actions, into bystanders' yards without their knowledge. The language around this bill is intentionally vague; allowing surveillance based on a reason as nondescript as "property damage could occur" enables police to surveil communities without cause. The bill lacks safeguards to prevent abuse of the technology, and it was drafted without community involvement. Furthermore, the bill does not clarify how the video footage and data will be stored, shared, or used.