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At a time when our national government is verging on authoritarianism and attacking the civil rights of BIPOC individuals, protestors exercising free speech rights, trans and LGBTQ+ individuals, labor activists, the free press, and anyone who might disagree with their particular political leanings, we should in no way be expanding law enforcements' surveillance capabilities without court order and reasonable cause. We should not be providing free reign for drone surveillance of individuals, residences, churches, protests, work places and the like unless there is a court order as to why such access is necessary, just as one would need a search warrant for other forms of surveillance. This is a dangerous precedent that our state should not take part in. Now more than ever we need to defend the rights we have and not give away powers to those who might not be trustworthy or allow for the violation of personal civil liberties by anyone, trustworthy or not.