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I strongly encourage representatives of the legislature to oppose this bill. The use of drones does not increase safety of communities but rather contributes to an already rampant fascist surveillance system. The proposition of drone use, especially without a warrant, will undoubtedly be used to police and suppress protest and free speech. This has already been used as a strategy in Nebraska and New Jersey. In this time where so many protesters are unjustly being targeted and deported by the Trump administration simply for speaking out for what they believe in, it is state legislatures responsibility to do all they can to protect civilians' basic constitutional right. In addition, drone usage will ultimately lead specifically to targeting of immigrant and BIPOC communities, populations most affected by police violence already. It is not an increase of police funding and technology that will ensure safety, but rather greater investment in public works and services that make our lives better and healthier! Demilitarize the police, defund the police, invest in services that actually support vitality in our communities!