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I oppose the parts of this bill that expand law enforcement permissions to use drones. This would not make any of us safer and creates an atmosphere of violation, invasion, and terror. Especially in this moment of ICE kidnappings in collaboration with law enforcement across the country, we need to protect people from abuse of police power. The most concerning part of the bill is "responding to any call for service," which is far too broad. While using drones for search and rescue could be valuable, I would feel much safer if that ability were given to fire departments and other non-law-enforcement first responders. I do not support drones being used to criminalize and spy on people.

I would support a version of this bill that keeps the elements restricting and prohibiting law enforcement uses of drones without any of the expansions.

Thank you for listening to what actually creates safety in our communities.