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In the current age of hyper-surveillance, wherein the president is attempting to create a nation registry of every person in the United States, it behooves us to question not only what information we are giving, but also who is requesting the information, and for what purpose. In this case, it is live drone coverage of anywhere not in a commercial residence, by the police, for the seemingly innocent cause of "crime detection". Are we not already fully surveilled by the CCTV cameras in almost every building? By the phones in nearly every person's pocket, providing GPS data even when it's been turned off manually? By the recently added AI license plate registry cameras? Benjamin Franklin is often quoted in situations such as this - "Those who would give up freedom for security deserve neither." The police have done little to justify their massively inflating budgets, and giving them more free reign does little to improve that. This country and this state has often proclaimed its values for personal freedoms, with lines such as "what I do in the privacy of my own home is not the government's business". This is, has been, and will remain true, and giving the police further unwarranted access to what should be private property (It's in the name, for God's sake) will do nothing but push us further into a surveillance state. Do not support this bill, and take every means possible to prevent the further destruction of privacy by the police, the armed forces, the federal, state, and local governments, and any other entity that designs to know what's best for us. We the people, should decide what that is.