# Commission on police use of facial recognition technology - written testimony

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Hi,

I'm a MA resident and I'd like to submit a written testimony for the meeting this Friday for public feedback on police use of facial recognition technology:

"Section 220 of Chapter 6 of the General Laws are incredibly lax about use of biometric surveillance. In recent years, it has become apparent that AI carries biases and lacks accountability, and often seriously and disproportionately harms marginalized communities. As a current researcher on responsible AI, it is imperative that standards of transparency and accountability are present in uses of AI, especially in cases such as the justice system in which lives can be deeply affected.

The facial recognition technology used has been proven to be flawed and unfair to marginalized racial and gender groups. It is unacceptable that in the current state of regulation, these groups must exist in a state where they are more likely to be falsely accused or experience other negative consequences. An Act to Regulate Face Surveillance would be a strong move in the right direction to responsible use of technology in the justice system, and I strongly encourage the MA legislature to pass it."

Best,
Annie Snyder