

Facial Recognition

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I am writing to support a ban on facial recognition software as part of law enforcement action in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Facial recognition software has not been proven to work consistently across different skin tones, buries decision making processes in unknowable algorithmic methods, and is an infringement on the general public's right to unreasonable search and seizure. When the 4th amendment was written, reason belonged solely to humankind. Giving machines the capacity to identify another is inherently unreasonable in the given context. I oppose use of facial recognition software implemented by the state for any purpose, particularly for law enforcement.

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