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Dear Judiciary Committee Members,

I write to ask for your support of LD 1705. Face recognition and other forms of biometric surveillance threaten our civil liberties. These technologies disproportionately harm over-surveilled communities and exacerbate existing racial and social inequity.

Throughout our history, powerful surveillance tools have threatened institutional and individual abuse and discriminatory targeting disproportionately impacting the civil liberties and human rights of people of color, religious minorities, LGBTQ+ people, and political protesters.

Please support LD 1705 to protect our sensitive data and prevent harmful surveillance. This law will be good for Maine. We need companies to respect our privacy. Mainers deserve better.

Thank you for your consideration.