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To prohibit the use of Federal funds for covered camera systems and associated components, and for other purposes.

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Mr. MASSIE (for himself, Mr. BURLISON, Mr. KHANNA, Mrs. SPARTZ, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. ROY, and Ms. BOEBERT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Flock-Off Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS FOR**
6 **COVERED CAMERA SYSTEMS AND ASSOCI-**
7 **ATED COMPONENTS.**

8 (a) PROHIBITION.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
10 provision of law, no Federal funds may be obligated

1 or expended, directly or indirectly, by the head of
2 any Government agency or by any recipient or sub-
3 recipient of Federal funds (including any State,
4 local, or Tribal government) to do any of the fol-
5 lowing:

6 (A) Purchase, lease, acquire, install, de-
7 ploy, maintain, repair, replace, upgrade, or op-
8 erate a covered camera system or any associ-
9 ated component.

10 (B) Enter into, renew, extend, modify, ad-
11 minister, or make a payment under any con-
12 tract, subscription, license, memorandum of un-
13 derstanding, data-sharing agreement, coopera-
14 tive agreement, or other similar arrangement
15 for any of the following:

16 (i) The installation, maintenance, op-
17 eration, or management of a covered cam-
18 era system or any associated component.

19 (ii) Access to—

20 (I) a covered camera system or
21 any associated component; or

22 (II) any data collected, gen-
23 erated, processed, retained, trans-
24 mitted, or otherwise made available

1 through a covered camera system or
2 any associated component.

3 (iii) Hardware, software, cloud stor-
4 age, network connectivity, technical sup-
5 port, data analysis, system integration, or
6 any other product or service used in con-
7 nection with a covered camera system or
8 any associated component.

9 (C) Reimburse, subsidize, offset, or other-
10 wise financially support, in whole or in part, an
11 expenditure with respect to an action or ar-
12 rangement described in subparagraph (A) or
13 (B), respectively.

14 (2) EXISTING COVERED CAMERA SYSTEMS AND
15 ASSOCIATED COMPONENTS.—

16 (A) GOVERNMENT AGENCIES.—Not later
17 than 180 days after the date of the enactment
18 of this Act, the head of each Government agen-
19 cy shall decommission and remove any covered
20 camera system and any associated component
21 purchased, leased, installed, deployed, main-
22 tained, or operated, in whole or in part, with
23 Federal funds.

24 (B) RECIPIENTS AND SUBRECIPIENTS.—
25 Not later than 180 days after the date of the

1 enactment of this Act, as a condition of con-
2 tinuing to receive Federal funds under the rel-
3 evant Federal program, each recipient and sub-
4 recipient shall—

5 (i) cease operating any covered cam-
6 era system and any associated component
7 that the recipient or subrecipient has oper-
8 ated, in whole or in part, using Federal
9 funds that the recipient or subrecipient re-
10 ceived under a Federal program; and

11 (ii) terminate, or decline to renew or
12 extend, any arrangement described in
13 paragraph (1)(B) to which the recipient or
14 subrecipient is a party that is funded, in
15 whole or in part, under such Federal pro-
16 gram.

17 (C) RECOVERY OF FEDERAL FUNDS.—If a
18 recipient or subrecipient obligates or expends
19 Federal funds that the recipient or subrecipient
20 received under a Federal program in violation
21 of paragraph (1), the head of the Government
22 agency that provided such Federal funds to the
23 recipient or subrecipient shall withhold further
24 Federal funds under such Federal program
25 from the recipient or subrecipient until the re-

1 cipient or subrecipient reimburses the Treasury
2 of the United States for the full amount of
3 Federal funds obligated or expended in violation
4 of such paragraph.

5 (b) EXCEPTIONS.—

6 (1) BORDER EXCEPTION.—Subsection (a) does
7 not apply to any covered camera system or any asso-
8 ciated component that—

9 (A) is installed and operated within 1 mile
10 of the northern border or the southern border;

11 (B) is owned or operated by U.S. Customs
12 and Border Protection or by another Federal
13 law enforcement agency or local law enforce-
14 ment authority pursuant to a written agreement
15 with U.S. Customs and Border Protection; and

16 (C) is used primarily for border security or
17 for the detection or interdiction of unlawful
18 entry, human trafficking, drug trafficking, alien
19 smuggling, or transnational criminal activity.

20 (2) TOLLING EXCEPTION.—Notwithstanding
21 subsection (a), funds made available under section
22 104(b) of title 23, United States Code, may be used
23 for any covered camera system or associated compo-
24 nent if—

1 (A) the only purpose of such use is to col-
2 lect, administer, or enforce a toll; and

3 (B) any data collected from such use is
4 used, accessed, retained, queried, disclosed, or
5 shared only for such purpose.

6 (c) DEFINITIONS.—

7 (1) ASSOCIATED COMPONENT.—The term “as-
8 sociated component”, with respect to a covered cam-
9 era system, includes any hardware, software, algo-
10 rithm, database, communications network, cloud-
11 based service, or data analysis platform of, or used
12 in connection with, such covered camera system to
13 collect, store, process, analyze, compare, query,
14 match, transmit, share, or retrieve data collected or
15 generated by such covered camera system, including
16 biometric data.

17 (2) BIOMETRIC DATA.—The term “biometric
18 data” means any data derived from human physio-
19 logical, biological, or behavioral characteristics that
20 may be used, alone or in combination with other
21 data, to establish or verify the identity of an indi-
22 vidual, including any of the following data:

23 (A) A facial image.

24 (B) A voiceprint.

25 (C) A fingerprint.

1 (D) An iris or a retinal scan.

2 (E) Gait pattern.

3 (3) COVERED CAMERA SYSTEM.—The term
4 “covered camera system” means any fixed, mobile,
5 or portable photographic, video, optical, infrared, bi-
6 ometric, or other electronic device that—

7 (A) automatically captures and processes
8 an image or a recording of a motor vehicle or
9 a license plate of a motor vehicle using machine
10 learning or other automated image-processing
11 technology to—

12 (i) extract license plate numbers,
13 motor vehicle characteristics, or other in-
14 formation from such image or recording;

15 (ii) convert such information into
16 computer-readable data; and

17 (iii) transmit such image, recording,
18 or information to a remote or cloud-based
19 system for storage, analysis, retrieval, or
20 sharing; or

21 (B) automatically captures and processes
22 an image or a recording of an individual using
23 machine learning or other automated image
24 processing technology to—

- 1 (i) extract biometric data of such indi-
2 vidual from such image or recording;
3 (ii) convert such biometric data into
4 computer-readable data; and
5 (iii) transmit such image, recording,
6 or biometric data to a remote or cloud-
7 based system for storage, analysis, re-
8 trieval, or sharing.

9 (4) FEDERAL PROGRAM; RECIPIENT; SUB-
10 RECIPIENT.—The terms “Federal program”, “recipi-
11 ent”; and “subrecipient” have the meaning given
12 such terms in section 200.1 of title 2, Code of Fed-
13 eral Regulations.

14 (5) GOVERNMENT AGENCY.—The term “Gov-
15 ernment agency” has the meaning given that term
16 in section 4 of the United States Information and
17 Educational Exchange Act of 1948 (22 U.S.C.
18 1433).

19 (6) LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY.—
20 The term “local law enforcement authority” has the
21 meaning given that term in section 921(a) of title
22 18, United States Code.

23 (7) NORTHERN BORDER; SOUTHERN BOR-
24 DER.—The terms “northern border” and “southern
25 border” have the meaning given such terms in sec-

1 tion 602 of the Border Infrastructure and Tech-
2 nology Modernization Act of 2007 (6 U.S.C. 1401).

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