



OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL

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District Attorney General

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RE: BL 2020-582

Dear Councilwoman Johnston:

I am writing in support of the amendment to Section 13.08.080 of the Code implementing license plate reader technology across Davidson County. This technology is especially useful in bringing those to justice in criminal cases. License plate information provided a useful clue in the recent homicide of Rasheed Walker who was a beloved community member and 10 year employee of the Cora Howe School. The technology was also pivotal in capturing the two inmates who recently escaped from a Tennessee prison.

The amendment contains meaningful audit mandates as well as guardrails on retention and protections against racial bias. Additionally, the retention policy of 30 days provides more privacy protection than the 90 day retention period under current state law.

In close, license plate technology is one of many technological advancements that help make Nashville a safer place to live. BL 2020-582 is a comprehensive piece of policy that ensures a positive impact on public safety.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Glenn R. Funk".

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