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The Honorable Buffy Wicks
Chair, Assembly Appropriations Committee
1021 O Street, Suite 8220
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 1013 (Cervantes), Automated license plate recognition (ALPR) restrictions - OPPOSE

Dear Assembly Member Wicks,

I am writing on behalf of the Kern County Board of Supervisors to express our opposition to SB 1013 (Cervantes), which would impose significant new restrictions and operational requirements on law enforcement use of automated license plate recognition (ALPR) systems. While well-intentioned, the bill would hinder the ability of agencies to investigate crimes efficiently, collaborate across jurisdictions, and retain critical information needed for emerging cases.

Of particular concern, the bill's prohibition on default access to national ALPR databases and its limitations on interagency data sharing would slow or obstruct cross-jurisdictional investigations where timely access to vehicle information is often vital. The bill's strict data-retention mandate, requiring deletion of non-hot-list scans after 30 days, creates the risk that potentially important information will be purged before agencies even know it is needed, particularly in cases that develop over time.

Additionally, the administrative burdens imposed by the bill, which include expanded logging requirements tied to case numbers, detailed privacy policies, mandatory data-security and privacy training, and heightened employee access controls, would significantly increase costs for agencies already facing resource constraints. These operational impacts would effectively stymie investigative flexibility and impede the effective deployment of ALPR technology as a public-safety tool.

For these reasons, the Kern County Board of Supervisors opposes this measure and urges the Legislature to work with law enforcement stakeholders to develop safeguards that enhance privacy without compromising community safety or investigative capability.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Phillip Peters", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Phillip Peters, Chairman
Kern County Board of Supervisors

cc: Honorable Members, Assembly Appropriations Committee
Honorable Members, Kern Legislative Delegation
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