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The Honorable Sam Graves
Chairman
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rick Larsen
Ranking Member
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Graves and Ranking Member Larsen:

On behalf of the undersigned organizations representing state and local law enforcement, we write to express our strong opposition to the amendment to H.R. 8870, the *Building Unrivaled Infrastructure and Long-term Development for America's 250th Act* (BUILD America 250 Act), that would prohibit state and local law enforcement agencies receiving federal transportation funding from using automated license plate reader (ALPR) technology for critical public safety and investigative purposes.

Law enforcement agencies across the country use ALPR technology every day to identify dangerous suspects, locate missing and exploited children, recover stolen vehicles, disrupt human trafficking operations, investigate violent crime, and support narcotics and transnational criminal organization investigations.

ALPR systems help agencies quickly identify vehicles connected to criminal activity, generate investigative leads, connect cases and suspects across jurisdictions, and support time-sensitive investigations where the information gathered can mean the difference between locating a victim and losing one. These systems are particularly important during the early stages of investigations, when officers are working to identify suspects, develop leads, and prevent additional harm.

This amendment would severely limit access to an important investigative capability that law enforcement agencies across the country use every day to investigate serious criminal activity, protect victims, and respond to evolving public safety threats and increasingly sophisticated criminal organizations operating across jurisdictions.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge opposition to the amendment.

Sincerely,

Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies (ASCIA)

International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)

Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA)

Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA)

National Alliance of State Drug Enforcement Agencies (NASDEA)

National Fusion Center Association (NFCA)

National HIDTA Directors Association (NHDA)

National Narcotic Officers' Associations' Coalition (NNOAC)