



Testimony Regarding House Bill No. 5326, An Act Prohibiting the Capture and Use of Facial Recognition Technology for Commercial Purposes.

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Dear Senator Leone, Representative Baram, Senator Witkos, Representative Carter, and distinguished members of the General Law Committee,

My name is Kevin Dillon, and I am the Executive Director of the Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA). **I am submitting this testimony regarding House Bill No. 5326, An Act Prohibiting the Capture and Use of Facial Recognition Technology for Commercial Purposes.**

The CAA understands and appreciates the privacy concerns that the committee seeks to address with this bill. However, it is also important to note that the collection and analyzation of biometric information can be a critical component of effective law enforcement activities. The CAA maintains that the Transportation Security Administration's or the CAA's potential collection and use of biometric identifiers at the security checkpoint or in the secure areas of the airport would not constitute a "commercial purpose", and we also cannot confirm nor deny whether such monitoring takes place at CAA airports. However, we would respectfully request that the committee include language specifying that this bill is not intended to impede the use of biometric information for security purposes in order to prevent any future confusion if these tactics were to be deployed at the CAA's airports in the interest of security.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony. Please feel free to contact my office at (860) 292-2054 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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