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**Testimony to the Senate Transportation Committee
In Support of SB305
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Senator Petersen and Committee Members:

Our associations support SB305 providing standards for license plate reader data security, privacy, and controls.

License plate readers have become an important tool for law enforcement providing recovery of stolen vehicles and critical information for solving major crimes. Many of our agencies utilize these tools.

The bill provides for the following key elements in managing the data collected from license plate readers.

1. Prohibits the sale, sharing, disclosure or distribution of the data for commercial purposes. (Page 1, lines 14-17)
2. Requires secure storage of the data whether with the agency or with a contracted vendor. (Page 1, lines 21-28)
3. Requires every law enforcement agency using license plate readers to have written policies covering at a minimum key data security, auditing, use and retention. (Page 1, lines 29 through page 2, line 13)
4. Protections against abuse or improper use of the data. (Page 2, lines 14-22)
5. Closes the data to KORA requests. (Page 2, lines 23-28)

It is our understanding this bill has been compiled through a study of statutes in other states and accepted standards for license plate reader data.

There is urgency in passing this bill due to growing concern about public access to the data through KORA and the lack of a requirement for security, control, and retention policies of the data. We encourage you to recommend this bill favorably for passage.

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