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Raised Bill No. 5449 - AN ACT CONCERNING AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE
READER SYSTEMS**

While the Office of Chief Public Defender (OCPD) generally supports the attempt to regulate the use of automated license plate reader systems and safeguard data derived from such as proposed in *Raised Bill 5449, An Act Concerning Automated License Plate Reader Systems*, this office strongly opposes the use of automated license plate reader systems and the sharing and/or disclosure of data derived from such systems.

These systems, as currently utilized, have no safeguards regarding the use, sale, retention, sharing and/or the disclosure of the information obtained through the use of these systems. The proposal does not address the use, sale, retention, disclosure or sharing of such, with any entity, by the owners/vendors of the software.

While the safeguards and time limitations proposed attempt to address the use and the data sharing by law enforcement, the proposal falls short by not addressing the origin, retention and use of such by the software owners and/or vendors.

Therefore, this office **requests that language be inserted into the bill to also address this gap which currently exists. While opposed to the use of such systems, this office would be supportive of such language being added to the bill and believes it will make the bill stronger.** This office is available to meet with stakeholders and legislators to discuss this further. At a minimum, this bill is a step in the right direction in placing restrictions on the use of such. Thank you.