



THE PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT

Each year, new technologies are developed that increasingly empower the government to identify, monitor, and surveil individuals.

But the courts can't keep up; jurisprudence often fails to restrict the state's ability to use new tools and technologies that undermine our privacy.

As a result, legislatures often try to address problems as they arise. But this is like legal whack-a-mole, reactively responding to problems as they arise. Instead, the Privacy Protection Act allows policymakers to proactively respond to these issues in a forward-thinking manner.

Support the Privacy Protection Act to secure privacy rights while allowing law enforcement to access appropriate tools to do their job.

PROBLEMS

- **Laws Fall Behind.** New tech brings new twists to previously settled legal questions. Lawmakers and courts have trouble keeping up.
- **There Are Risks.** New tech can be powerful, but when used incorrectly, the costs to innocents can be exorbitantly high.
- **No Transparency.** The public is often unaware of how the government is using new tech until long after it's has been used.
- **No Oversight.** Law enforcement often uses new surveillance systems without legislative oversight. When discoveries of misuse are made public, legislators have to react to the controversy, delaying meaningful policy conversation.

SOLUTION

- **Proactive Policymaking.** The PPA requires a review of governmental requests to use new surveillance tech. This lets the Legislature ensure the right guardrails exist to protect civil liberties and public safety.
- **Transparent, Public Process.** The PPA prioritizes transparency via ongoing reporting to the Legislature and allows the public to engage in the process.
- **Thorough Review.** The PPA enables a review of technologies now being used and puts them through a thorough vetting process. By having experts from a variety of backgrounds examine the issues raised by new technology, policy solutions can be found proactively, before an incident arises.