



Public Hearing: Protecting the 4th Amendment - Establishing Guardrails for Automated Surveillance

This hearing is to examine automated license plate reader technology and its implications for public safety, privacy, and the Fourth Amendment.

September 28, 2026 | 11:00 a.m.

Hearing Overview

- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Welcome**
- **Opening Remarks**
 - Chairman David H. Rowe
 - State Representatives Josh Bashline, Brenda Pugh, Jamie Walsh
- **Testimony from Invited Experts**
- **Member Discussion with Testifiers**
- **Closing Comments & Adjournment**

Testifiers

- **Lawrence Gerrity**, Legislative Chairman, Pennsylvania Fraternal Order of Police (FOP)
- **Neal Kurk**, Former Representative, New Hampshire House of Representatives (1986-2018)
- **Jim Harper**, Nonresident Senior Fellow, American Enterprise Institute

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About the Testifiers



Lawrence Gerrity

Lawrence Gerrity serves as Legislative Committee Chairman for the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP), Pennsylvania State Lodge, representing the interests of approximately 40,000 active and retired law enforcement officers and their families across Pennsylvania. Before assuming his legislative role, Gerrity spent more than 30 years as a police officer and detective with the Marple Township Police Department in Delaware County. In his current position, he advocates on behalf of Pennsylvania's law enforcement community and provides legislative testimony on issues affecting public safety, police recruitment and retention, and officer support.



Neal Kurk

Neal Kurk is a former Republican member of the New Hampshire House of Representatives who represented the town of Weare and surrounding communities for 16 terms, serving from 1986 through 2018. He served six terms as Chairman of the House Finance Committee and was involved in a wide range of state fiscal and policy issues. Kurk was also a leading advocate for privacy protections in New Hampshire and helped sponsor and draft the 2018 constitutional amendment establishing a right to privacy from government intrusion.



Jim Harper

Jim Harper is a Nonresident Senior Fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, where he focuses on technology, privacy, financial policy, and issues involving government and emerging technologies. He has written and spoken extensively on privacy, blockchain technology, digital currencies, and information policy. Harper has also testified before Congress on blockchain technology and its potential benefits for small businesses.

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