



HARDIN COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

A Resolution Supporting the Removal of Flock Safety Automated License Plate Readers, Condor PTZ Cameras, Live-Streaming Surveillance Cameras, and Comparable Systems Used for Routine Surveillance of Law-Abiding Citizens

Whereas, the Hardin County Republican Party strongly supports the men and women of law enforcement and their mission to protect our families, respond to serious crimes and emergencies, recover missing children and stolen property, apprehend dangerous offenders, and keep our communities safe; and

Whereas, the Republican Party of Kentucky recognizes the primacy of the individual and opposition to large, intrusive government as fundamental Republican principles, and supporting law enforcement does not require citizens to surrender their constitutional liberties or accept routine government surveillance of innocent people; and

Whereas, both the Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution and Section 10 of the Kentucky Constitution protect individuals from unreasonable searches and seizures, establishing that government power must be limited by constitutional principles; and

Whereas, Kentucky law, including KRS 189.632, establishes requirements governing automated license plate readers (ALPRs), but statutory authority to regulate or permit a surveillance technology does not require Hardin County or its local governments to deploy, maintain, fund, or expand that technology; and

Whereas, automated license plate readers can record license plates, vehicle information, dates, times, and locations, while technologies such as Flock Safety Condor PTZ cameras, live-streaming cameras, and comparable surveillance systems provide additional capabilities for real-time or remotely controlled observation; and

Whereas, although these technologies have different capabilities, they raise the same fundamental public-policy concern when used for routine surveillance: whether government should routinely monitor, record, or track the lawful activities and movements of citizens who are suspected of no wrongdoing; and

Whereas, the placement of such surveillance systems within or near residential subdivisions is a particular concern because residents may be repeatedly observed or recorded simply by leaving and returning to their homes, potentially revealing patterns concerning their movements and daily routines; and

Whereas, the argument that citizens who follow the law should have no concern about being surveilled misunderstands the purpose of constitutional protections, which exist to restrain government power and preserve the liberties of law-abiding citizens; and

Whereas, citizens should not be required to accept routine government monitoring of their lawful activities and movements merely because they comply with the law. The proper question in a free society is not, "If you follow the law, why should you care if the government watches you?" but rather, "If you are following the law, why does the government need to track or watch you routinely?"; and

Whereas, the Hardin County Republican Party acknowledges that surveillance technology can assist law enforcement during serious and time-sensitive emergencies, including locating stolen vehicles, missing children, and dangerous offenders; however, the extraordinary circumstances of an emergency should not become the justification for the ordinary, continuous surveillance of an entire community of law-abiding citizens, and public safety should be pursued without unnecessarily sacrificing constitutional liberty; and

Whereas, Benjamin Franklin warned, “Those who would give up essential Liberty, to purchase a little temporary Safety, deserve neither Liberty nor Safety”; and

Whereas, technological advancement should never weaken constitutional restraint, and government should not have to routinely watch everyone to find the few who break the law; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Hardin County Republican Party formally opposes the routine government use of Flock Safety automated license plate readers, Flock Safety Condor PTZ cameras, government-operated live-streaming surveillance cameras, and comparable surveillance systems, regardless of manufacturer, vendor, or service provider, used to monitor, record, or track the lawful movements and activities of citizens who are not reasonably connected to criminal activity, and calls for their removal and discontinuation from government use in Hardin County to the fullest extent permitted by Kentucky and federal law; and

Resolved, that the Hardin County Republican Party calls upon the Hardin County Fiscal Court and appropriate local governmental bodies to discontinue taxpayer funding, contracts, subscriptions, renewals, maintenance agreements, expansion, and future purchases for such surveillance systems, regardless of manufacturer, vendor, or service provider; and

Resolved, that the Hardin County Republican Party specifically opposes the placement and operation of such surveillance systems within or at the entrances and exits of residential subdivisions, where citizens may be repeatedly observed or recorded merely by traveling to and from their homes; and

Resolved, that the Hardin County Republican Party opposes the routine creation or maintenance of searchable records documenting the movements or lawful activities of citizens who are not reasonably connected to criminal activity and believes investigations and targeted surveillance should focus upon criminal activity, immediate threats to public safety, and reasonable investigative grounds; and

Resolved, that this Resolution is intended to address surveillance systems that are used for the routine monitoring of the general public. It should not be interpreted as a stance against the use of ordinary security cameras that protect government buildings and facilities, law-enforcement body-worn cameras, dash cameras, or lawful investigative tools directed toward specific criminal activity or immediate threats to public safety; and

Resolved, that nothing in this Resolution should be seen as opposition to the dedicated men and women of law enforcement. We support our law enforcement officers and their efforts to recover missing children, apprehend dangerous offenders, respond quickly to serious crimes and emergencies, and conduct effective, constitutionally sound policing. However, we will not endorse routine or indiscriminate surveillance of innocent citizens as a trade-off for public safety; and

Resolved, that the Hardin County Republican Party reaffirms its commitment to the Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution, Section 10 of the Kentucky Constitution, and the importance of individual rights. We advocate for limited government, personal liberty, the presumption of innocence, government accountability, and the principle that free citizens should not be routinely tracked, watched, or monitored by their government unless there is a legitimate connection to criminal activity or an immediate threat to public safety.

BACK THE BLUE.
DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION.
PROTECT THE PEOPLE.

Adopted by the Hardin County Republican Party on this 10th day of August 2026.