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Re: Where you stand on ALPR mass surveillance

Dear Whitney Cantrell, Rebecca Cooper, and Michel Leandre Jr.:

You are asking Onslow County voters to send you to the Board of Commissioners — the body that funds the county's Plate Ranger automated license-plate-reader program. On behalf of DeFlockILM and the 3,962 residents who have signed our petition against ALPR mass surveillance in the Cape Fear — 92 of them here in Onslow County — we write to ask you one plain, nonpartisan question, the same one we put to every candidate and official, regardless of party:

> **Where do you stand on Flock and ALPR mass surveillance, and will you act to end warrantless plate-tracking of people suspected of nothing?**

These cameras photograph and log every passing vehicle — every driver, every day, with no warrant and no suspicion of wrongdoing. On September 8, the New Hanover County Board of Commissioners voted 4–0 to cancel its Flock contract. The question is no longer whether a county can end this program. It is whether its leaders will say where they stand.

We publish every answer we receive, unedited, on our public scorecard at DeFlockILM.org/where-they-stand — and a growing number of Cape Fear officials and candidates have already answered. We would far rather report your position, whatever it is, than another silence. Please reply to Mark@DeFlockILM.org, and we will run your statement in full.

Respectfully,

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