



California Police Chiefs Association FLOOR ALERT:

Vote **NO** on Senate Bill 712 (Anderson)



SB 712 allows individuals to hide their license plate when parked in public. In the case of child abductions, allowing kidnappers to conceal their license plate when parked in public will make it much more difficult for law enforcement to *quickly* locate missing persons through amber alerts.

Currently, Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) systems scan any license plate within range. When used by law enforcement, each scanned license plate is checked against Department of Justice crime databases. If a “hit” occurs — for example, a stolen vehicle, AMBER alert, or an arrest warrant — the ALPR technology alerts the law enforcement officer. SB 712 would require an officer to take time to stop and individually inspect each vehicle, which wastes valuable time during emergency situations.

SINCE 2002 – a total of 320 abducted children were the subject of Amber Alerts; 310 of those have been recovered. Let’s not add to the list of 10 still missing.

According to the author: “private collection of license plate data through ALPRs poses a grave threat to privacy.” If the issue is protecting individual privacy from private companies use of this information, legislative fixes should be tailored to restrict third party use of this data, not allow wanted fugitives, kidnappers, and hit-and-run drivers to avoid law enforcement. SB 712 is **NOT** the solution.

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