



# Peace and Freedom Party of California

## Legislative Committee

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May 17, 2023

Honorable Assembly Member Lori Wilson  
1021 O Street, Suite 5150  
Sacramento, CA 94249-0011

Subject: AB 1034 (Wilson) Facial recognition and other biometric surveillance. - SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Wilson:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Peace and Freedom Party of California to strongly support Assembly Bill 1034.

This bill would prohibit the use of biometric surveillance (sometimes called facial recognition) by body cameras worn by police officers. It would also allow legal action against officers and police agencies who violate that prohibition.

The current state of facial recognition is prone to wild inaccuracies. The process is so badly flawed that it has sometimes failed to recognize public officials, including members of the California legislature. Biometric recognition systems often have trouble with darker skin tones, low light conditions, motion, side views, hats and sunglasses. All of these deficiencies could easily lead to serious, even fatal, errors. We are also concerned about the possible illegal surveillance of peaceful demonstrators.

For all of these reasons, and more, the Peace and Freedom Party strongly supports AB 1034. To discuss our position on this bill please contact me at 916-207-4595 (mobile) or [reigers@earthlink.net](mailto:reigers@earthlink.net)

Sincerely,

*John C. Reiger*

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