

Resolution on Automated License Plate Recognition Systems on SUNY Campuses
UUP Delegate Assembly, Fall 2026

WHEREAS, about 120,000 Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) cameras – commonly called Flock Cameras, after one of the main vendors that supplies this technology – are in use by law enforcement agencies and security companies throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, ALPR systems are in use at multiple SUNY campuses including Albany, Binghamton and Delhi, and are under consideration at other campuses including Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, ALPRs use artificial intelligence technologies to identify and scan license plates from video feeds; produce detailed profiles of vehicles they scan; track the movements of vehicles and people; and combine camera scans with information from law enforcement, commercial databases, and other data sources including personal identifiers like Social Security numbers, addresses and phone numbers; and

WHEREAS, ALPR data is networked using artificial intelligence technologies into a searchable national database accessible to law enforcement agencies and security companies that subscribe to ALPR vendor platforms, thus rendering ALPRs a technology of mass surveillance of the US public; and

WHEREAS, the US Customs and Border Protection agency and Immigration and Customs Enforcement access ALPR databases to facilitate the stalking and abduction of individuals across the US; and

WHEREAS, access to ALPR data generally does not require court authorization, but is available to anyone deemed an authorized user by an agency that subscribes to the ALPR vendor's platform; and

WHEREAS, a number of searches and uses of ALPR data by authorized users have facilitated stalking, threats and harassment unrelated to law enforcement initiatives; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement agencies may use traditional security camera systems to promote public safety; and

WHEREAS, the use of ALPRs at SUNY campuses exposes workers, students, patients and visitors to invasive surveillance, data mining, and the risk of stalking and abduction in the course of our work, study and care.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that the United University Professions Delegate Assembly calls upon Chancellor John King to immediately end the use of existing ALPRs, and to prohibit the introduction of any new systems, on all State University of New York campuses; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the UUP President shall write to Chancellor John King, members of the SUNY Board of Trustees, and New York Governor Kathy Hochul informing them of this resolution.