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Commissioners,

I am writing to urge you to vote to extend the moratorium on police use of face surveillance technology. Please go even further and ban the use of facial recognition by all law enforcement and their contractors. I also urge you to stop collaborating with Customs and Border Protection (CBP) in building a face surveillance system at SeaTac International Airport.

Facial recognition technology is racist. This technology also enables government surveillance on a massive scale. Cities across the U.S. are banning facial recognition technology, noting its role in exacerbating the surveillance and policing of Black, Indigenous, and people of color, immigrants, and other communities in the margins.

The Port Commission's March vote to collaborate with CBP in rolling out its facial recognition program ignored the concerns of privacy, civil liberties, and community organizations. The Port of Seattle should not be paying for or building a facial recognition system for CBP.

I strongly urge you to extend the moratorium, ban all use of facial recognition by Port of Seattle Police and privately contracted security, and to reverse the decision to collaborate with CBP.

Sincerely,  
Daniel Weise