

January 31, 2020

Via Email

Hon. Edward J. Markey
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United States Senate
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RE: Clearview AI

Dear Senator Markey,

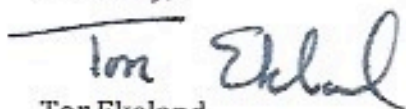
Thank you for reaching out to Clearview AI. Clearview is a public photo search engine that only accesses public data on the public internet. Clearview neither engages in unauthorized access to any computers, nor alters or deletes any public data. Like other companies who operate facial recognition software, we merely index and make searchable publicly available information.

We share your concern in preventing abuse of this critical law enforcement tool. To date, we are aware of none. Fortunately, all the harm is speculative. Clearview is committed to keeping it that way, and working with you to ensure that the use of biometrics in law enforcement strikes the proper balance between protecting our communities and our constitutional rights. These are not mutually exclusive goals.

Clearview is a privately held company and cannot disclose its proprietary technology or its clients without appropriate safeguards; or if requests are so broad that they are unduly burdensome, expensive, and would result in a mass of irrelevant information that only serves to slow progress on this important issue.

We appreciate your interest in our company and how our technology helps law enforcement make communities and children safe. Please don't hesitate to contact me to discuss this further.

Sincerely,



Tor Ekeland

cc: Hoan Ton-That; Richard Schwartz