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and immigrants.² NGI incorporates numerous biometrics including fingerprints, facial recognition, and iris recognition.³ The database contains profiles on arrestees and people with records as well as individuals with no connection to the criminal justice system, and NGI is used for both law enforcement.² (t) 0h 0.24 0 0 0.24 72 667.68 cm BT2 (m) 0.2 (ie) -0.2 (us) -0.2 (e) 0.2 (d)TJ ET (

the Law.¹⁸ In his statement for the record, Senator Franken expressed the risks of the use of facial recognition by the FBI without proper oversight, stating:

I fear that the FBI pilot could be abused to not only identify protestors at political events and rallies, but to target them for selective jailing and prosecution, stifling their First Amendment rights . .

designed to store and manipulate significant quantities of its own biometric data, particularly given the great numbers of people from whom such data will be gathered.”²⁵

We urge the Committees to take up this issue as soon as possible and hold oversight hearings to assess the privacy, civil liberties, and human right issues raised by the FBI’s massive

