



FLOCK VS. PEOPLE'S FEELINGS

BY: Mindy Rader, Rockland Post Contributor



A big controversy has arisen over the use of Flock cameras to record license plates and other events on city streets. The question is a matter of privacy. Well, I hate to tell everybody the Supreme Court has already ruled that you have no expectation of privacy in public.



There are a whole group of people who are called First Amendment Auditors who go around filming people for no good reason. They then take these photos and put them on YouTube and other platforms. They call these news features and can use people's images and likeness with no repercussions or a need to pay them. You go to a Cold Play concert and get caught on the KISS CAM and lose your job. Nothing you can do. You have no expectation of privacy in public. You have a ring camera in front of your house so does your neighbor most likely. If these cameras are not pointed directly into somebody's window, they are legal. The principle is that you have once again no expectation of privacy in public.

So, let's get back to Flock. Their cameras are generally license plate readers that have been involved in recovering abducted people and fighting crime. But for some reason people find this objectionable. Some random person can take your picture and put it on YouTube and other platforms for no purpose whatsoever except to annoy you. And people think that's ok. But when the same process is used for law enforcement then it becomes a massive invasion of privacy and should be shut down. I have nothing to say of this, Huh?

Sure, mistakes can be made and somebody can point to an occasional mistake out of many pictures. And the same thing happens when a KISS CAM can ruin somebody's life. Being out in public makes you have no privacy. That's why it's called public. We should not penalize society for a principle that really doesn't exist. These cameras are lawful and once again it's not that these privacy advocates are advocating for criminals instead of the safety of the general public.

Congressman Mike Lawler delivers for Rockland He always puts people before politics

FACT: He fought for and won **\$6.8 million** for the Rockland County Sheriff – and more than **\$80 million** for community projects across the Hudson Valley.



**MIKE
LAWLER**
CONGRESS

PAID FOR BY LAWLER FOR CONGRESS, INC.

Re-Elect

Congressman Mike Lawler

BIPARTISAN. COMMON SENSE. PROBLEM SOLVER.

