5 YEARS OF DELIVERING RESULTS

June 2019

ACLUM launches Press Pause on Face Surveillance campaign to pass municipal bans and regulate government use of the technology. 🔶



October 2019

ACLUM facial recognition test misidentifies 27 New England professional athletes – Patriots and Celtics players later join the call to regulate the tech. \rightarrow

January 2020

Cambridge passes municipal ban.



June 2020

Boston passes municipal ban, becoming the largest city on the East Coast to ban face surveillance and ensuring more than 1 million Bay Staters are safe protected in 5 municipalities. →





June 2019

Somerville passes the first municipal ban on government use of face surveillance technology.

December 2019

Brookline and Northampton pass municipal bans.



February 2020

Springfield passes municipal ban.

July 2020 Easthampton passes municipal ban.

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December 2020

Massachusetts passes major police reform law, including limited regulations on face surveillance and creating a special commission to further explore the issue. These take effect in July 2021. 🔶

March 2022

The Special Commission to Evaluate Government Use of Facial Recognition Technology in the Commonwealth today released a report recommending the Massachusetts Legislature adopt new reforms on face surveillance. \rightarrow





December 2021

Worcester is the 8th municipality in Massachusetts to ban government use of face surveillance. \rightarrow



January 2023

Lawmakers introduce bill to codify those recommendations.