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IBIA Statement Moratorium Act

“No one should ever suffer the injustice of wrongful imprisonment or have their life upended based on a misidentification, and the responsible use of biometric technologies makes that egregious possibility less likely not more,” said John Mears, IBIA Board Chairman. “Biometric identification technologies, when used appropriately, are important tools in providing the necessary security and protection we all seek not only in law enforcement but in our travel, at our ports of entry, and with our personal information. Facial recognition technology facilitates rapid and convenient travel through our ports, deters immigration fraud and terrorism, facilitates forensic analysis of crimes, helps find missing and exploited children, and assists in securing our devices and workplaces. The IBIA and the entire biometrics identification industry remain committed to working with our partners, customers and legislators to ensure our technologies operate fairly, in accordance with best practices and processes. Unfortunately, the legislation introduced by Senator Markey and Representative Jayapal proposes to take away these vital tools, making all of us less safe, less secure and less efficient in our daily lives.”