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To the Transportation Security Administration,

I am writing to submit my formal comment regarding the proposed revision of the TSA PreCheck® Application Program (OMB Control No. 1652-0059; Docket No. TSA-2014-001), as published in the Federal Register on January 15, 2026 (81 FR 1799).

I strongly object to the expansion of biometric data collection, specifically facial imagery under this program without clear statutory authorization, robust privacy safeguards or opt-out provisions. The integration of facial recognition into TSA's identity verification process poses significant risks to civil liberties, including the potential for function creep, unauthorized data sharing, and persistent surveillance.

The notice states that biometrics will be used for recurrent vetting through systems like IDENT and HART, but fails to adequately address how long this data will be retained, with whom it may be shared, or how individuals can correct errors or withdraw consent. Additionally, the use of facial imagery, particularly in future checkpoint applications, raises some very serious concerns about accuracy, bias and the lack of public transparency.

I urge TSA to:
- Limit biometric collection to fingerprints only, as originally implemented;
- Provide a clear, opt-in mechanism for any facial recognition use;
- Publish a comprehensive Privacy Impact Assessment specific to facial imagery;
- Ensure all data retention and sharing practices comply with the Privacy Act and are subject to public oversight.

The convenience of expedited screening must not come at the cost of fundamental privacy rights and it's shocking to think that it would see that as an oversight. I respectfully request that TSA withdraw the proposed expansion of biometric collection and engage in meaningful public consultation before proceeding.

Sincerely,
Vicoactus1

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I am fully aware of my legal rights under the Privacy Act and the Fourth Amendment and I firmly believe this expansion of biometric collection in particular facial imagery without explicit, informed

consent and robust oversight, is not only unlawful but a profound disgrace to human dignity and mutual respect among people.
Reducing individuals to data points in a surveillance infrastructure erodes the very humanity we must uphold, especially in public spaces meant to serve all travelers equally.

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