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IBM, Microsoft and Amazon suspend sales of facial recognition technology

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IBM CEO Arvind Krishna sent a [letter^{\[1\]}](#) to the United States Congress on June 8 announcing his company's intent to stop selling general purpose facial recognition technology until the U.S. creates a legal framework for the technology. Krishna wrote,

IBM no longer offers general purpose IBM facial recognition or analysis software. IBM firmly opposes and will not condone uses of any technology, including facial recognition technology offered by other vendors, for mass surveillance, racial profiling, violations of basic human rights and freedoms, or any purpose which is not consistent with our values and Principles of Trust and Transparency. We believe now is the time to begin a national dialogue on whether and how facial recognition technology should be employed by domestic law enforcement agencies.

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