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***2016 Scott Johnson Open Government Essay Contest to explore
widespread use of public cameras.***

***Seattle---“Police Body Cams, Dash Cams, and a Camera On Every
Street Corner: An Invasion of Privacy or a Needed Step Toward
Accountability and Safety?”*** is the topic for The Washington Coalition for
Open Government’s 2016 Scott Johnson Open Government High School
essay contest.

“We are very excited about our essay contest topic this year. Our goal was to select a topic we thought the students would be very interested in and that would lead to lively discussions in and out of the classroom,” said Contest Chair Michele Earl-Hubbard. “We are confident this topic will generate a lot of interest among Washington state high school students.”

The contest, named for the late Scott Johnson, a member of the WCOG Board of Directors and attorney for the Stokes Lawrence law firm, encourages students to learn about transparency and open government issues. It is open to all public, private, and home-schooled high school students, grades 9-12 in Washington State. For contest rules and entry forms go to <http://washingtongog.org/essay-contest-awards> .

Entries for the 2016 contest should be emailed to info@washingtongog.org no later than midnight March 31, 2016. The essays may be sent as plain text in the body of the email or as Word or PDF attachments. Each email entry should include the contestant’s name, age, home address, telephone number, email address, the school currently attended and, if known, the school or college the entrant will attend in the fall of 2016. No contestant may submit more than one entry.

The winner of the 2016 Scott Johnson Open Government High School essay contest will receive a cash award of \$1,000. The contest is made possible through a grant from the Stokes Lawrence law firm.