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Dear Chairman Grassley, Chairman Burr, Chairman Goodlatte, Chairman Nunes, Ranking Member Feinstein, Ranking Member Warner, Ranking Member Conyers and Ranking Member Schiff:

As the Judiciary and Intelligence Committees look to your respective agendas for the 115th Congress, we urge your committees to work together to provide for an open debate around the reauthorization of Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA). Given the provision's expiration at the end of the year, we hope your committees will proceed in a timely manner.

In our view, it is critical that Congress takes a balanced yet focused approach with respect to Section 702. We urge your committees to ensure that any reauthorization includes meaningful safeguards for internet users' privacy and civil liberties, measures to ensure transparency and accountability, and a commitment to continued Congressional oversight.

A balanced approach will reflect the need to preserve the Intelligence Community's ability to collect critical information from foreign sources while also ensuring that there are essential safeguards for digital security and privacy. A focused approach will ensure that the reauthorization is not impeded by tangential issues.

We also encourage the debate to be open. This will build on the spirit of other recent Congressional efforts on surveillance legislation, which were bipartisan, bicameral, free from tangential issues, and considered through regular order. A similar process this year will significantly help build public trust in intelligence gathering efforts.

We look forward to working with you and the other members of your committees to ensure a successful review of Section 702 authority that balances our security and privacy interests.

Sincerely,

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