



# Reform Government Surveillance



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The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
United States Senate

The Honorable Harry Reid  
United States Senate

The Honorable John Boehner  
United States House of Representatives

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
United States House of Representatives

The Honorable Charles Grassley  
United States Senate

The Honorable Patrick Leahy  
United States Senate

The Honorable Bob Goodlatte  
United States House of Representatives

The Honorable John Conyers, Jr.  
United States House of Representatives

The Honorable Richard Burr  
United States Senate

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senate

The Honorable Devin Nunes  
United States House of Representatives

The Honorable Adam Schiff  
United States House of Representatives

Dear Members of Congress:

On behalf of the undersigned technology associations and groups, we write in connection with the consideration of surveillance reform as part of reauthorization of the USA PATRIOT Act. We recognize that the issue is a complex one—and appreciate the efforts that Congress has undertaken—but believe that certain fundamental reforms—in particular efforts to end bulk data collection and to increase both company and government transparency efforts—are very important elements of any such measure.

Such reforms are necessary even two years after the international surveillance revelations began. U.S. technology providers continue to face concerns from global customers regarding the safety and security of their offerings. In fact, foreign competitors and foreign governments regularly seize on this opportunity to challenge U.S. technological leadership by raising questions about our nation’s surveillance regime. The impact of these questions continues to affect the technology sector.

As Congress considers reauthorization legislation, you can promote national security by ensuring that essential surveillance programs have safeguards that address privacy, transparency and accountability. Such legislation also should aim to accomplish four important goals: 1) ending initiatives that undermine trust in technological products and services, such as bulk collection 2) taking steps that will ensure ever-improving security in the digital environment, 3) increasing both company and government transparency efforts, and 4) promoting broader innovation and competition around the world.

We thank you for giving these very important issues serious consideration, and we look forward to working with you in the coming weeks to address these concerns.