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We the undersigned civil society groups, trade associations, companies and investors are supporters of the free and open Internet. We are writing to urge that intelligence surveillance practices be reformed by limiting the scope of surveillance and by substantially enhancing the privacy protections, oversight, and accountability mechanisms that govern that surveillance.

Recent disclosures regarding intelligence surveillance activity raise important concerns about the privacy and security of communications. This surveillance has already eroded trust that is essential to the free flow of information and to the exercise of human rights and civil liberties both in the United States and around the world.

To rebuild trust, we urge that the U.S. government act expeditiously to:

- allow companies to be much more transparent about the number and type of surveillance demands they receive;
- be much more transparent itself about the surveillance demands it makes, the surveillance activities in which it engages, and the legal bases for both;
- focus intelligence collection on terrorists, spies and other agents of foreign powers, rather than on everyone else; and
- ensure that its surveillance practices honor both Constitutional and human rights.

Toward this end, we welcome introduction in the House and Senate of the USA FREEDOM Act – legislation which promotes these goals. We oppose legislation that codifies sweeping bulk collection activities. We look forward to working with you on the USA FREEDOM Act and other legislation designed to protect the privacy of Internet users while permitting appropriately targeted intelligence surveillance necessary to protect against terrorism.

Sincerely,

Nonprofit Organizations

Access  
Advocacy for Principled Action in Government  
AIDS Policy Project  
American Association of Law Libraries  
American Booksellers Foundation for Free  
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Companies and Trade Organizations

Automattic Inc.  
CloudFlare  
Computer and Communications Industry Assoc.  
CREDO Mobile  
Data Foundry  
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American Library Association  
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Arab American Institute  
Association of Research Libraries  
Center for Democracy and Technology  
Center for Financial Privacy and Human Rights  
Center for National Security Studies  
Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington  
Coalition Against Unsolicited E-mail  
Competitive Enterprise Institute  
The Constitution Project  
Consumer Action  
Council on American-Islamic Relations  
Cyber Privacy Project  
Defending Dissent Foundation  
Demand Progress  
DownsizeDC.org  
Electronic Frontier Foundation  
First Amendment Coalition  
Freedom House  
Free Press Action Fund  
Freedom of the Press Foundation  
Freedom to Read Foundation  
FreedomWorks  
Foundation for Innovation and Internet Freedom  
Global Network Initiative  
Government Accountability Project  
Human Rights Watch  
Liberty Coalition  
OpenTheGovernment.org  
Open Technology Institute  
National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers  
National Coalition Against Censorship  
National Security Counselors  
Public Knowledge  
OpenMedia.org  
Personal Democracy Media  
Project on Government Oversight  
Reporters Without Borders  
Republican Liberty Caucus  
Rutherford Institute  
TechFreedom  
Texas Liberty Foundation  
Companies and Trade Organizations  
World Press Freedom Committee

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Internet Infrastructure Coalition  
Meetup  
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ServInt  
Sonic.net  
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