

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

August 2, 2013

John Boehner
Speaker of the House
Office of the Speaker
H232 the Capitol
Washington, DC 20515-0001

Dear Speaker John Boehner:

As you know, last week, over 200 of our colleagues expressed serious concerns about the National Security Agency's (NSA) current metadata collection program during consideration of amendments offered to the Department of Defense (DOD) Appropriations Act of 2014.

While these amendments addressed concerns about the ongoing NSA programs, we also believe that the best solution to protect the interests of Americans from an overreach by the NSA is to move forward through the regular legislative process, rather than needing to legislate through a Department of Defense funding bill one year at a time.

For this reason, we write today to encourage you to take action to end the NSA's blanket collection of American's personal information.

It is time to give Members the opportunity to debate the merits of this program, with the civil liberty concerns of everyday American citizens.

Only through an open and transparent process can this be achieved.

We can keep our country safe from terrorist attacks without sacrificing the very principles that make our country the most free and prosperous in the world.

Once again, proposals that would address concerns raised by the NSA metadata collection program have been introduced, and we urge you to allow us take action in an open process on the House floor as soon as possible.

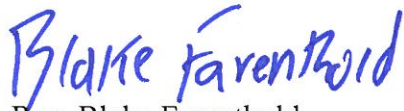
Sincerely,



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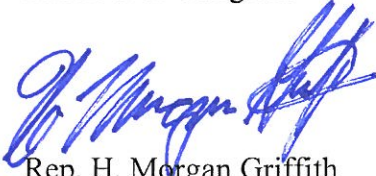
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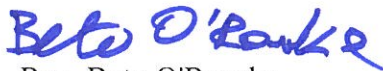
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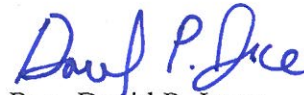
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