Reform Government Surveillance

Statement from the Reform Government Surveillance coalition on legislation to create the National Commission on Security and Technology Challenges

Reform Government Surveillance members believe that the National Commission on Security and Technology Challenges is an important option to consider in the debate about law enforcement access to encrypted content. Given that there are no 'backdoors' into encrypted systems or devices that would also maintain the security of what's on those systems and devices, we hope that a commission can engage in a thoughtful dialogue that respects the security of users and their information, while ensuring that law enforcement has tools to fight crime and terrorism. We hope that same thoughtful dialogue will occur as the Commission looks at other issues related to law enforcement access to data in light of new technologies and their global reach.