

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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United States Senate

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United States Senate

Chairman Lindsey Graham
Senate Judiciary Committee

Chairman Richard Burr
Senate Select Committee on Intelligence

Ranking Member Dianne Feinstein
Senate Judiciary Committee

Vice Chairman Mark Warner
Senate Select Committee on Intelligence

Dear Senators,

As you know, on Wednesday, March 11th the House approved the new and current version of the USA FREEDOM Reauthorization Act of 2020. Consideration was limited to 60 minutes. No amendments were permitted under the rule.

Consideration of this bill under regular order was avoided when the February 26th Judiciary Committee markup was canceled. The USA FREEDOM Reauthorization Act has not been marked up by or passed out of any committee of jurisdiction.

In other words, there was not an opportunity to amend or cure defects in this bill.

Several Senators last week proposed extending these authorities for more time so that amendments could be considered in the Senate without a lapse in authorities. The Senate also could have considered these modest amendments last week, had Senator Lee been permitted to offer them. Either option would have prevented these authorities from expiring.

We urge you to join the group of 75 Democratic and 60 Republican Representatives who opposed this bill due to its significant flaws by opposing the motion to invoke cloture on the USA FREEDOM Reauthorization Act of 2020. If cloture is invoked tonight, it will be the final success of a campaign to prevent any member of Congress from casting any vote for serious FISA reform.

We look forward to continuing to work with you to better protect Americans' rights.

Sincerely,


Zoe Lofgren
Member of Congress


Warren Davidson
Member of Congress