

## **End the NSA's Mass Surveillance of Americans**

### **Support the Amash-Conyers Amendment to H.R. 2397**

Dear Colleague:

Section 215 of the USA PATRIOT Act authorizes the government to obtain records *only* if it can show to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court that the records are “relevant” to an ongoing national security investigation.

Our constituents now know, however, that the government collects records on virtually every phone call placed in the United States. This surveillance program does not conform to the statute’s text, is not consistent with Congress’s intent when it passed the statute, and does not respect our rights guaranteed by the Fourth Amendment.

**We urge you to support the Amash-Conyers amendment to H.R. 2397 and end the government’s mass surveillance of Americans.**

The Amash-Conyers amendment would require the government to limit its collection of records to those that actually pertain to the subject of a duly authorized investigation. The government would retain its authority to collect specific records under Section 215—but the bulk collection of telephone records would end.

The amendment enjoys significant and growing bipartisan support from our colleagues. Organizations representing the left, right, and center of American politics have announced their support as well (more information from these groups is available [here](#)).

We ask that you join us in sending our constituents a critical message. Congress has provided the intelligence community with extraordinary powers to combat terrorism and counter espionage. We must require those powers to be focused on those who actually seek to do us harm. We do not need to live in a surveillance state in order to be safe. **We can protect our country *and* preserve our civil liberties.**

Sincerely,

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House Committee on the Judiciary

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Member of Congress

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