



December 4, 2007

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
Chair, Committee on the Judiciary
D-224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-6275

Dear Chairman Leahy,

On behalf of the American Library Association and the Association of Research Libraries, we write in support of the Judiciary Committee Amendments to the FISA Amendments Act of 2007. We believe this legislation, as reported by the Committee on the Judiciary, constitutes a positive and important step forward in reinstating and supporting the public's civil liberties.

Libraries have a long history of protecting the privacy rights of their patrons. We believe this principle of patron privacy must be maintained while balancing and supporting our national security interests.

We look forward to working with you in the future on related legislation devoted to protecting our Nation's civil liberties interests.

Sincerely,

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