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H. R. 7601

To require notice of certain subpoenas and warrants issued to a third party pursuant to an investigation of the Department of Justice, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LIEU introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Inspector General No-
5 tification Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. NOTICE OF CERTAIN SUBPOENAS AND WARRANTS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—In any case in which the metadata
8 or contents of any communication of a covered party is
9 subject to a subpoena, court order, or warrant issued pur-

1 suant to an investigation conducted by the Department
2 of Justice, the Attorney General shall provide to the In-
3 spector General for the Department of Justice a notice
4 of such subpoena, order, or warrant not later than 7 days
5 after the subpoena or warrant is issued.

6 (b) REVIEW.—The Inspector General for the Depart-
7 ment of Justice shall review each subpoena, order, or war-
8 rant with respect to which the Inspector General receives
9 a notice under subsection (a) to determine whether such
10 subpoena, order, or warrant was sought in bad faith.

11 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
12 of enactment of this Act, and each year thereafter, the
13 Inspector General for the Department of Justice shall sub-
14 mit to the Committee on the Judiciary and the Committee
15 on Oversight and Reform of the House of Representatives
16 and the Committee on the Judiciary and the Committee
17 on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the
18 Senate a report on the number of times a subpoena, order,
19 or warrant described in subsection (a) was issued.

20 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

21 (1) COVERED PARTY.—The term “covered
22 party” means—

23 (A) any member or employee of the legisla-
24 tive branch; or

1 (B) any member or employee of the judi-
2 cial branch, including a judge, clerk, or member
3 of judicial staff.

4 (2) LEGISLATIVE BRANCH.—The term “legisla-
5 tive branch” includes—

6 (A) The House of Representatives.

7 (B) The Senate.

8 (C) The Congressional Budget Office.

9 (D) The Government Accountability Office.

10 (E) The United States Capitol Police.

11 (3) METADATA.—The term “metadata” means
12 non-content information relating to communications.

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