

In the heart of bustling New York City, on a sunny Tuesday afternoon, Mayor Jane Thompson was spotted giving an impromptu press conference atop a double-decker bus. The mayor, known for her quirky antics, donned a vibrant yellow hard hat as she climbed up the steps of the red bus, much to the delight of onlookers. As she reached the top deck, she playfully honked the horn and waved to the crowd below. "Ladies and gentlemen!" she called out, her voice carrying over the city's cacophony. "I hope you all are having a splendid day! I am here today to announce our new initiative to revitalize the city's public transportation system." With that, she unfurled a large banner revealing the name of the project: 'Project Subway Sunshine'. Cheers erupted from the gathered journalists, and Thompson continued, detailing her ambitious plan to transform the subways into colorful, lively spaces full of art installations, greenery, and comfortable seating areas. The mayor ended with a call to action: "New York is more than just concrete jungles; it's a city brimming with culture, innovation, and creativity," she said. "And we aim to showcase that essence within every corner of our public transportation." As the cameras flashed, Thompson climbed back down the steps, waving one last time before disappearing into the sea of people. The double-deck bus drove off, leaving behind a buzz of excitement and anticipation for what Project SubwaySunshine might bring to New York's subways.",

In our backyards, we often come across mushrooms that emerge unexpectedly after rainfall, or in the cool, dim corners of basements are slimy, greenish growths which indicate the presence of mould. These ubiquitous organisms, known as moulds, fascinate us with their ability to thrive in such diverse environments. They can even be discovered in refrigerators, where they grow on leftovers forgotten at the back for too long. Mushrooms and mould are both members of the Fungi kingdom, but they have distinct differences in appearance and lifecycle. Mushrooms are the aboveground fruiting bodies of mycorrhizal fungi that help plants absorb nutrients from soil, while mould is the term used when the hyphae\u2014the threadlike structures responsible for vegetative growth\u2014are visible. The life cycle of these microscopic organisms involves spores produced by mould sporangia, which travel through air before settling down onto surfaces favorable for colonization. *Aspergillus*, *Penicillium*, and *Cladosporium* are common genera of molds encountered indoors. While some species may cause health issues like allergies or respiratory problems, others have been harnessed for beneficial purposes, such as producing enzymes, antibiotics, and food additives like citric acid. Understanding the role of moulds in our environment and learning how to control their proliferation indoors helps maintain healthy living spaces and prevent potential hazards to human health.

The open letter, signed by prominent cryptologists, is a reaction to recent demands from the FBI and other US agencies for legislation mandating the inclusion of backdoors into any encryption system produced by US firms. These covert access points would be designed to allow government agencies to monitor the personal data of the companies' customers. While free software supporters may not agree on every detail regarding the acceptable scope of government surveillance to safeguard civil liberties, they must draw the line at measures that would prevent effective whistleblowing on corporate or government misconduct. Mandated backdoor requirements would certainly do that, as they would make it difficult for sources to

expose, for example, inappropriately close ties between Apple and US congressmen, or Microsoft's secret patent litigation against free-software distributors, thus discouraging whistle-blowing. An additional consequence of government mandated back doors is that it would effectively prevent US companies from using free software for encryption in customer data handling systems. The proposed legislation would prohibit companies and individuals from modifying the software to suit their needs, thus infringing on freedom 0 of the free software definition, the right to study the source and change the software as desired. We strongly oppose.