

Dear Senator Stabenow,

We are writing to inform you on the matter of the passing of the Freedom Act. We believe that the Freedom Act should not be passed, and restrictions on the amount of metadata that the NSA can gather should be non-existent. We believe that as citizens, we are obligated to sacrifice certain personal liberties as well as personal information, for the protection of our society and country as a whole. The strategy of gathering information by the use technology and eavesdropping on the general populous has proven to be a valid technique that has benefited the country in various ways. Barack Obama illustrates the validity of this strategy in his January seventeenth speech in Washington. One particular group of events that he describes in his speech was the creation of the NSA, who began to gather information during the time of the Iron Curtain from both enemies and allies alike. This method helped to gain an advantage that allowed the USA to prevent nuclear strikes against its homeland. Furthermore, criminals with the knowledge that the NSA could be retrieving information, helps to deter crime and internal terrorism. By setting in place the idea that the authorities could be listening to criminal messages, the NSA can easily persuade these people to not commit these acts.

The passing of the Freedom Act would result in the NSA being limited to how much information they could gather, as well as the ways in which they gather that information. This could drastically increase the likelihood of an unknown attack on home soil. What many don't realize is that by sacrificing small personal liberties, we gain the confidence that our home is more secure and protected. Throughout the history of civilization, people have been willing to forfeit certain personal rights in order to acquire safety. Cities in the path of Genghis Khan gave up rule to his armies to prevent the destruction of their homes. Within feudal societies, serfs worked the lord's land endlessly and he protected them. During the reign of the Third Reich, citizens went as far as to sell out their neighbors in order to save themselves. The safety gained greatly outweighs the loss of a few insignificant personal rights, such as privacy.

We are writing you, honorable Senator, to persuade you to oppose the Freedom Act. The NSA needs information to do its job, which is protecting Americans, who should be obligated, as citizens, to sacrifice small liberties in order to protect the country as a whole.

Thank you