Dear Senator Peters,

Have you ever had a nosy annoying neighbor, always listening in on your family affairs? The N.S.A. is indeed that neighbor. Cloaked in the misconceptions of protection, they go around unchecked invading the privacy of its citizens. The Freedom Act is paramount to the protection of the freedoms in which this country was founded.

The most important issue with the Patriot Act that is solved with the Freedom Act is the invasion of privacy by the government. The Patriot Act allowed the government to label a person a “terrorist” if they belong to an activist group. Also, Section 214 allows the government to look at anyone’s emails without probable cause or suspicion. Finally, it allows the N.S.A. to share the information of innocent citizens to other government groups, such as the C.I.A. So by keeping the act, it would’ve allowed the N.S.A. to keep invading our privacy without us knowing.

Some say that not passing this law and keeping the Patriot Act could help prevent another attack on U.S. soil. This is simply not true. According to the Department of Justice, the program has been overall inconclusive from recording personal calls and emails from American citizens. To conclude, the N.S.A. hasn’t found any important information about attacks and terrorism in the personal communications of American citizens.

Although passing this Act would essentially shutdown N.S.A. operations in the United States, it would give a sense of security and peace of mind to the majority of Americans. ( Much like in the movie “Sneakers”). Passing this law has eliminated the constant collection of private and personal information of U.S. citizens. In conclusion, the Freedom Act is giving Americans the assurance that their private life will remain their private life.