

Action Alert!



YES to the USA RIGHTS Act Amendment

NO if USA RIGHTS Act Amendment Is **NOT** Included

Call Now! Last Chance to Protect American Citizens from Bias Targeting and Warrantless Government Surveillance!

On Jan. 9, in a huge positive development, the **USA Rights Act** was introduced as an amendment to the bill reauthorizing the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) Amendments Act. We urge you to contact your Member of Congress **NOW** as the House will be voting on the bill on **Jan 11**.

“YES” to THE USA RIGHTS ACT AMENDMENT

If the USA Rights Act amendment passes, the government will need a warrant to query the emails, texts and calls of Americans. The government will be held accountable to oversight and asked to be more transparent about its activities. Your privacy and civil liberties are protected. For more information, see <https://policy.house.gov/legislative/bills/house-amendment-s-139-fisa-amendments-reauthorization-act-2017>.

“NO” if USA RIGHTS ACT AMENDMENT IS NOT INCLUDED

If the USA Rights Act amendment is not included in the bill, then urge your Member of Congress to vote “NO” to this bill to reauthorize the FISA Amendments Act (formerly S. 139, and previous to that, H.R. 4478). Otherwise, warrantless government surveillance will continue for the next 6 years. The government would continue to captures all this data, and uses a loophole in the law to search through them even if there is no evidence of wrongdoing.

PHONE SCRIPT

1. Find your Members of Congress [here](#). Also, contact [Paul Ryan](#), House Majority Leader and [Nancy Pelosi](#), House Minority Leader.
2. “I am a constituent from zip code [your zip code]. I am calling to urge the Representative **to vote in favor of the USA Rights Act amendment** to the FISA Amendments Reauthorization Act of 2017, which will come before a floor vote tomorrow. The USA Rights Act amendment will end warrantless government surveillance on Americans, and in particular, protect immigrants from unfair and bias targeting. Also, please ask the Representative to reject the bill if the USA Rights Amendment is not included. Can you tell me what the Representative’s position is on the reauthorization of the FISA Amendments Act?”

Note: Please email contact@ApaFisaWatch.org if you get a response.

3. Share this action alert with your friends, neighbors and colleagues.

BACKGROUND

Asian Pacific Americans (APAs) – 59% of whom are foreign born – are susceptible to a cloud of suspicion based on their background, cultural practices and contacts with family and acquaintances overseas. [The recent spike of charges leveled and then dropped against Chinese American scientists](#) are a troubling sign that without additional safeguards in existing law, more innocent Americans in the future may also be subjected to government overreach. [Fifteen Asian American organizations signed a joint letter in support of H.R. 4124](#). Moreover, [over 40 major privacy rights and civil liberties organizations also supported the bill](#).

For more information on this issue, see <http://apafisawatch.org/fisa>. Or, Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/apafisawatch/>.