

Action Alert!



NO TO S. 139

Thursday, the House of Representatives will vote on a bill called the [FISA Amendments Reauthorization Act of 2017 \(S. 139\)](#). The bill extends and expands the law Section 702 of the Federal Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) Amendments Act. Originally, Section 702 was passed to allow the government to surveil foreign targets, but it has loopholes that have enabled the government to conduct warrantless mass surveillance of Americans. **Congress must close this “backdoor search loophole” before it reauthorizes Section 702 in any form.**

Currently, the government can capture your emails, texts, and calls, and search them even in cases where there is no evidence of wrongdoing. [The abuses of this overreaching authority are well documented.](#) [Even the FISA Court has identified numerous violations.](#)

YES TO H.R. 4124

In contrast, the [USA Rights Act \(H.R. 4124\)](#), co-sponsored by Zoe Lofgren (D-CA) and Ted Poe (R-TX), calls for meaningful reforms that include: government oversight, accountability and transparency; stronger protections of Americans’ privacy and civil liberties; and, a specific expiration date so that Congress can review the within a few years.

IMPACT ON ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICANS

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.](#)

CALL YOUR MEMBER OF CONGRESS

End warrantless government surveillance! Protect Asian Pacific Americans from racial targeting!

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 **oppose S. 139**, FISA Amendments Reauthorization Act of 2017, which may be voted on this week, unless it is amended to close the “backdoor search loophole.” Instead, I urge the Representative to **support H.R. 4124**, the USA Rights Act, which has bipartisan support. 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.

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