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Due Process Institute Urges Congress to Pass The Fourth Amendment Is Not For Sale Act (S. 1265)

Due Process Institute endorses the bipartisan Fourth Amendment Is Not For Sale Act which, among other things, would greatly strengthen federal privacy protections against backdoor government snooping. Current law allows federal agencies to buy Americans' digital data and metadata in bulk from internet marketing firms rather than obtaining court orders based on individualized probable cause.

“The speed of technological innovation far outpaces the laws and rules that protect Americans from unwarranted government intrusion,” said Due Process Institute Founder and President, Shana-Tara O’Toole, “For that reason, Congress must close the current loopholes that allow law enforcement and intelligence agencies to bypass the constitutional protections against unreasonable government searches and surveillance. The Fourth Amendment Is Not For Sale Act is an essential piece of legislation that exemplifies the Congressional diligence needed to bring our modern laws into line with our long-standing constitutional values.”

Due Process Institute thanks Sen. Ron Wyden for introducing the bill and the bipartisan co-sponsors Sens. Rand Paul (R-KY), Patrick Leahy (D-VT), Mike Lee (R-UT), Ed Markey (D-MA), Steve Daines (R-MT), Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Brian Schatz (D-HI), Cory Booker (D-NJ), Bernie Sanders (D-VT), Jeff Merkley (D-OR), Jon Tester (D-MT), Martin Heinrich (D-NM), Mazie Hirono (D-HI), Patty Murray (D-WA), Chuck Schumer (D-NY), Maria Cantwell (D-WA), and Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) for their support to close this loophole. A bipartisan companion bill in the House is expected to be introduced soon.

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