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Members, United States Senate
The Capitol
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Re: Pass an Unweakened USA FREEDOM Act Now

Dear Senator:

On Tuesday June 2 you are likely to be presented with a clear choice: weaken the USA FREEDOM Act (H.R. 2048) by voting for one or more hostile and unneeded amendments. . . or respect the will of a huge majority of Americans and oppose them. On behalf of the American Library Association's more than 55,000 members, and the literally hundreds of millions of Americans who entrust libraries with their privacy every year, we unequivocally urge you to vote "NO" on any amendment to weaken the USA FREEDOM Act (including particularly those filed this weekend by the Majority Leader).

Reform of Section 215's bulk collection program further delayed beyond the bill's more than adequate phase-in period is liberty denied.

Strong-arming corporations to indefinitely maintain records that jeopardize all of our privacy is security perverted.

Barring new FISA Court civil liberties advocates from access to FISA Court precedent is justice sabotaged and denied.

The American Library Association cannot and will not support the USA FREEDOM Act as weakened by any pending amendment, or any other. Please, stand with us for liberty, security and justice. Stand for the USA FREEDOM Act and against its cynical and needless dilution.

Sincerely,



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