

Neema Singh Guliani, legislative counsel, **American Civil Liberties Union**: "The bill introduced today by Sens. Paul and Wyden is a significant step forward in the fight to reform Section 702 to protect Americans' constitutional rights. Section 702 has been abused by our government for years to spy on individuals without a warrant in violation of the constitution. This bill rightly recognizes that no President – Democrat or Republican – should have such expansive power."

Jason Pye, vice president of legislative affairs for **FreedomWorks**: "The Fourth Amendment enshrines Americans' right to be free from warrantless searches, but intelligence agencies are constantly violating our privacy. The USA RIGHTS Act is the necessary minimum set of reforms to merit reauthorization of Section 702 and ensure that Congress and the intelligence community are respecting our civil liberties."

Daniel Schuman, policy director, **Demand Progress**: "The USA RIGHTS Act is the only legislation on the table that contains meaningful reforms that reign in the government's surveillance abuses under Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. USA RIGHTS strengthens our privacy, forces the government to be straight with the American people about how it asserts surveillance powers, and helps ensure that Congress can meaningfully check an executive branch that is all too eager to trample on our rights."

Elizabeth Beavers, Foreign Policy Manager, **Indivisible**: "Extending Trump's spying authority would only give him another opportunity to abuse his power and further violate the rights of Americans. This administration has demonstrated time and again its disrespect for constitutional protections and its willingness to violate rights in the name of national security. The USA RIGHTS Act would strengthen protections for Americans' privacy and allow the intelligence community focus on actual threats. Every Member of Congress should support these reforms."

Free Press Action Fund Government Relations Manager **Sandy Fulton**: "Free Press Action Fund commends Sens. Ron Wyden and Rand Paul for introducing legislation that would rein in a sweeping internet surveillance program and better protect everyone's Fourth Amendment privacy rights."

"The bipartisan USA RIGHTS Act offers much-needed reforms to Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. In particular, it would close the backdoor search loophole, which allows US intelligence agencies to spy on the communications of people inside the United States without a warrant."

"No government entity should have such oppressive surveillance powers. This is an especially grave concern under the Trump administration, which has unjustly targeted people of color and political dissenters for surveillance. Reauthorizing Section 702 without the robust reforms put forth by Sens. Wyden and Paul's bill would let this White House violate the privacy rights of people across America."

Alex Howard, deputy director of the **Sunlight Foundation**: “This bill would offer an important opportunity to strengthen the expectation that intelligence agencies will inform the American people how surveillance is and will be conducted in the 21st century, from who is targeted to the much-needed oversight of these powerful tools.”

Brandi Collins, Senior Campaign Director at **Color Of Change**: “In its current form, Section 702 is a powerful and dangerous tool for the FBI and other agencies to warrantlessly surveil the private communications of innocent Americans. This type of surveillance is particularly a threat for marginalized voices. Given the FBI’s long history of abusing its power to target, spy on and silence Black communities and their new vague ‘black identity extremist’ classification, the need for legislation that protects Americans from warrantless surveillance is urgently needed. The USA RIGHTS Act provides the critical reforms needed to reign in the abusive surveillance occurring under Section 702.”

Robyn Greene, Policy Counsel and Government Affairs Lead at **New America's Open Technology Institute**: “We welcome the introduction of the USA Rights Act which would provide robust new protections for Americans’ privacy. Most importantly, the USA Rights Act would put an end to intelligence agencies’ routine warrantless searches for Americans’ communications that may be contained in collected Section 702 data. The bill’s strong, across-the-board warrant requirement for searches of Section 702 data has no exceptions that could swallow the rule, so it will ensure that these unconstitutional searches are stopped once and for all, and that Americans’ rights are better protected. As the House considers its reform bill, it should model its key protections on those in the USA Rights Act.”

Alex Marthews, National Chair, **Restore The Fourth**: “Restore The Fourth wholeheartedly supports this bill. Other bills reforming Section 702, however well-intentioned, fail to grasp the nettle. This one does. Congress has a vital choice ahead: To allow the intelligence agencies to continue to lie to them, the public and the courts, and spy on them without penalty or ceasing; or to pass the USA RIGHTS Act, and reassert that Congress is indeed in charge of the security state, and not the other way about.”

Irvin McCullough, investigator, **The Government Accountability Project**: “The Government Accountability Project is excited to support the Paul-Wyden USA RIGHTS Act. We especially support Section 7 of the USA RIGHTS Act, which designates the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board as an audience to receive whistleblower disclosures and protects whistleblowers who disclose to PCLOB. This bill will strengthen the PCLOB’s ability to accomplish their mission and give them access to information from the front-lines. Such a move should be endorsed by national security stalwarts and the civil liberties community alike, and we couldn’t be happier to support it.”