

Dear **Honorable or Senator** XXXXX,

I am writing you today as a concerned citizen and would appreciate your consideration on my feelings about the Patriot Act. After the events of September 11th, 2001 the Patriot Act was enacted in an understandably hasty manor by overwhelming support. Now that we have had years to review the 300+ page document and many of its sections are coming to a close in 2005, I ask that you do not support their reenactment. I do not believe that we as Americans have to sell our civil liberties to buy our security.

One of the greatest things in framing this country was the ideal of checks & balances. The Patriot Act does not require the check of the judicial system and already there have been countless abuses. Provisions have been made in past laws, the 4th Amendment, the Omnibus Crime Control & Safe Street Act of 1968, and the 1978 FISA Act to deal with many items listed in the Patriot Act, and they require judicial oversight. When these sections come to rest in 2005, there will not be anarchy, as these laws will continue where they left off.

In particular, Sections 206,213, 214, 215, 216, 218, 505, and 802 allow activity that invade personal rights and would normally be unconstitutional without judicial oversight. Many of these come to a close in 2005 and legislation is on the table to curtail the ones that do not.

Thank you for your time, support, and consideration in these matters,

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