

From: Jacob Scott

To: Senator Dianne Feinstein

Re: Technology, Intelligence, and Civil Liberties

Senator Feinstein,

I am a constituent and a graduate student in Computer Science at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. I am very concerned with the current administration's attack on civil liberties – especially, as a technologist, when it comes to telecommunications and the Internet. I'm referring not only to the NSA's recent telephone call database and warrantless wiretapping, but also making VoIP providers comply with CALEA, and generally what I see as a misguided prioritizing of 'security' over civil liberties. As a member of the Senate Intelligence Committee, you have a voice in these very important matters.

I will be in Washington DC from May 17th-22nd. Would it be possible for me to meet with a member of your staff who works on these issues? I would like to ascertain exactly what your positions are, and give feedback (both as a constituent and as a technologist). If so, I may also be able to speak with professors at MIT's Technology and Policy Program, and bring with me truly expert analysis.

Sincerely,

Jacob Scott