



Free Press Action Vote Recommendation on USA FREEDOM Reauthorization Act (H.R. 6172)

The House is set to consider the USA Freedom Reauthorization Act next week and has the critical opportunity to significantly strengthen the bill by including the Lofgren-Davidson amendment.

That amendment would prohibit the use of Section 215 of the Patriot Act for the warrantless surveillance of search and browser histories of people in the United States. **If this critical measure is included, Free Press Action will support the bill.**

The Lofgren-Davidson Amendment is the same one offered by Senators Wyden and Daines last week. It fell just one vote short of the 60-vote super-majority needed to pass, due only to the absence of supportive Senators who would have voted for the measure had they cast a vote. This shows that the House can, should, and must move forward with Lofgren-Davidson, not settle for something less robust than what is possible even in Mitch McConnell's Senate.

Vote Recommendation:

We urge you to **support** the Lofgren-Davidson amendment to USA FREEDOM.

We urge you to support USA FREEDOM **only if** the Lofgren-Davidson amendment is incorporated to the bill and no other changes are made to weaken it.

We urge you to **oppose** USA FREEDOM **if it does not include** the Lofgren-Davidson amendment.

Free Press Action vigorously opposes the USA FREEDOM Reauthorization Act (H.R.6172) as currently written. As passed by the House in March, and even as improved by the Senate last week, the base bill would not provide the strong privacy protections needed for an authority that has been repeatedly abused. This is particularly concerning in the era of Donald Trump and Bill Barr, who have proven to be a significant threat to communities of color, activists and other vulnerable people.

Despite its imperfections and our hope for further reform over months and years to come, the Senate-adopted Leahy-Lee amendment combined with Lofgren-Davidson would offer significant improvements that will start to protect the privacy of people in the United States. Free Press Action will support passage with these safeguards included.