



**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
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Dear Colleague,

I trust that everyone has had an enjoyable Easter and a productive district work period. As we prepare to return to Washington next week, I wanted to share an update about our important work to reform and reauthorize Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA). We have an opportunity before us to pass the most significant set of intelligence reforms since FISA was originally enacted in 1978.

Next week, we will bring to the floor the Reforming Intelligence and Securing America (RISA) Act, which will make critical changes to both preserve this vital national security tool and provide robust protections for the fundamental rights of Americans.

FISA and Section 702 have been essential to intercepting communications of dangerous foreign actors overseas, understanding the threats against our country, countering our adversaries, and saving countless American lives.

However, as a former constitutional law litigator and chair of the House Judiciary's Subcommittee on the Constitution, I can state unequivocally that the FBI terribly abused the FISA authority in recent years, and in turn, violated the trust and confidence of the American people.

Our responsibility now is simple: maintain the tool but strictly prohibit future abuses. I am proud of House Members from both our Judiciary and Intelligence Committees who have come together to produce an extraordinary bill that will safeguard the liberty of our people as well as their physical safety.

The RISA Act contains 56 specific reforms that will establish new procedures to rein in the FBI, increase accountability at the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (FISC), impose penalties for wrongdoing, and institute unprecedented transparency across the FISA process so we no longer have to wait years to uncover potential abuses. You can find a complete list of every reform in our House bill [HERE](#).

Had these safeguards been in place when President Trump was running for election in 2016, I am confident the baseless attack against his campaign would never have been possible. With this bill's enactment, we are ensuring that can never happen again.

It is critically important that we succeed in passing these reforms next week because the April 19th expiration of FISA's Section 702 authority is quickly approaching. If our bill fails, we will be faced with an impossible choice and can expect the Senate to jam us with a clean extension that includes no reforms at all. That is clearly an unacceptable option.

I am planning several meetings to discuss these reforms and proposals in more detail when we return next week—at our regularly scheduled Conference meeting on Wednesday morning, at an all Member classified

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briefing that I have scheduled for later that day, and additional meetings during the week. I look forward to those productive discussions.

Thank you all for your good faith and your good work in these historic times. The American people are counting on us, and we will deliver.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Johnson".

*Mike Johnson*