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I believe this bill to be dangerous and harmful to security in the technology industry. The wording implies that technology companies could be required to install government backdoors to circumvent or decrypt encrypted information.

Encryption is the backbone of all online security and it must be protected from all actors. Government mandated backdoors or "inspections" can end up being used by any malicious actor. There is no way to give the government a way "in" that others can't also discover and exploit.

I say this as a member of the technology community (I work as a programmer) and having experience in what encryption means for a secure internet.

This bill is overreaching, draconian and undermines security for all.

The implication that this is for stopping "terrorists and child sex traffickers" is blatant fear mongering and frankly insulting.

Please reconsider this bill and work with industry leaders first before trying to pass a bill that deals with the backbone of internet security for all.

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