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To whom it may concern,

I do not support this bill; despite the writers efforts to ensure it doesn't undermine the security of the Internet as a whole, it still doesn't actually address the concerns that myself (and , I'm sure, others in the tech community) have over government-mandated backdoors.

This bill is mandating that service providers help the government install backdoors into products, irrespective of whether you call them that or not. If the Snowden revelations into the NSA's dragnet approach to surveillance of its citizens has taught us anything it's that these measures do not deter, nor prevent crime. Moreover the descriptions of when and how the law can be used are so vague that it will be costly to implement; how much money must be spent on legal precedents and challenges for bad legislation, that tries to circumvent the laws of mathematics?

I appreciate the goal is to catch terrorists and paedophiles, but how long before that net widens, and widens, until the people whisper in hushed tones for fear that Alexa picks up the faint whiff of dissent à la 1984. I don't want to live in an Australia where pervasive surveillance, ruled by secret courts with hidden agendas and without the oversight of the public is the norm; this is not who we are.

I am opposed to this bill.

Sincerely  
Cam Browning

