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Hello, I am a concerned citizen. While this bill proclaims to be for protecting the safety of citizens, it seems that this (similarly to other bills passed in the UK and US) could easily be used as a spying mechanism by the government against its citizens. I am also concerned about the lack of judicial oversight, the inability of those working with the system to release information to the media (as Edward Snowden did), and the complete lack of transparency of this bill. Citizens should be well aware who has access to their online information and why. This bill seems to be like nothing but a breach of privacy.