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Dear Minister

I am a Sysadmin by trade, my job is to help people and companies setup, manage and, most importantly, secure their IT systems from outside attack.

As a professional who deals with this every single day, I can say with some authority that the bill in question will drastically weaken the IT infrastructure that keeps our country running.

We have seen time and time again instances of 'secure' backdoors and weaknesses exploited by those with ill intent, there is no safe way to do what is trying to be done with this bill and it will only lead to innocent people being hurt.

Something that nobody seems to consider is that if someone is going to use encryption to break the law, they're not going to use your compromised encryption systems, it's so incredibly easy to obtain untampered software that you're honestly only hurting those that rightfully need the protections offered.

Please, consider this.

Thank you for your time.

- Chris

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