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Dear Minister,

Please stop.

Please stop expanding the surveillance state.

Please stop introducing and supporting authoritarian measures.

Please stop eroding the civil liberties that are essential to democracy.

Please stop justifying your authoritarian nonsense under flimsy pretenses of safety and security.

Please stop destroying this wonderful country.

Not only would destroying cybersecurity make us more vulnerable to criminals after they inevitably gained access to law-abiding citizen's data through government mandated back-doors, it would do little or nothing to hamper the efforts of terrorists. Encryption is a trivial measure to implement, and those intent on doing harm would have no difficulty whatsoever developing encryption measures that fall outside of the scope of ANY possible legislation regarding the subject. The only people then affected by the bill would be law-abiding citizens whose data was compromised by government overreach. Terrorists if anything would benefit, now finding it easy to obtain the data of potential victims.

Please kill any legislation that involves measures weakening encryption, including but by no means limited to the Assistance and Access Bill of 2018.

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