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Dear Minister

I write to express my concerns over the draft legislation titled 'The Assistance and Access Bill 2018'.

As an Australian who does most of her business over the internet, this bill is extremely likely to impact the way digital business is done in Australia now and in the future.

This bill will weaken cybersecurity and will drive away investors, corporations and inhibit the operation of businesses which will be unable to operate with a sense of security, as once a backdoor is created, no matter how noble the goal, it will exist forever and in today's connected world, it will not remain secure. One need only take a cursory look at the permeability of governments, government bodies and private institutions in today's world to see the multitude of leaks, data breaches and foreign operatives who would see any weakening of Australia's digital security measures as a target far too tempting to ignore.

I urge you to reconsider this Bill in the light of protecting the digital rights and security of Australians and Australian businesses and not allow, however well-meaning, the strong backbone of secure encryption upon which much modern business is based to be compromised.

There is little to be gained from these measures and infinitely more to lose.

Thank you

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