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To whom it may concern,

I vehemently oppose this bill as acquiring access to third party apps amongst other continuous erosion measures of privacy.

The adage of saying that privacy doesn't matter if one has nothing to hide is akin to saying free speech doesn't matter if one have nothing to say. Our privacy does matter and the continuous slow erosion of our privacy is a troubling progression to say the least.

If we are to trust that data will be acquired on a fair and proportionate basis then this should be legislated for in the form of court requests for specific pieces of data for genuinely serious matters of importance and not on a "trust us" basis.

We have been exposed to the reality that members of the Five Eyes Alliance do not always operate in the best interests of the public via the NSA spying on its citizens and other citizens via its alliances.

Furthermore the fact that our government is only providing us with one week to respond to this matter is seriously disappointing not to mention the lack of public awareness. Why try to push a bill through of this importance without full marketing campaign? This alone is worrying as it appears that this bill is trying to be rushed through without anyone noticing.

Regards,

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