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Hi,

I strongly disagree with this assistance bill. Where do you draw the line for privacy. We have seen a lot of corruption going on around the world. Who is to know whether or not we already have corrupt people in our organisations that can abuse this power. The thing is that we will never know until they have been busted, which is then too late. Do we really want to live in a society where no one feels free to express themselves without the govt possibly knowing what we think. I believe the answer is NO. You refer to reasonable and proportionate. These two words will differ depending on the person making that decision.

As we have seen with all govt intervention to try and stop problems like terrorism, drug problems, criminality etc etc, these interventions rarely work. In fact, you end up pushing people deeper underground towards more criminality and teaching them how to avoid authority from other criminals who already understand ways around your intervention.

People will find a way around this, and therefore, there is no point in trying to pass this bill. If you do pass it, you will only teach them how to become more "underground".

I really believe that the freer our society is (and that includes privacy), the more advanced we will become.

Please I beg you. Do not take away our freedom with legislation that reduces our privacy. It can and will be abused at some point.

Thanks

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