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Dear Minister

Hello. I am a technology professional and security specialist. I have worked for most of the large financial institutions in Australia and was awarded Australasian Computer Science PhD of the Year.

This government's proposal to subvert the security safeguards that me and my colleagues spend most of our careers improving is both disheartening and alarming. My clients rely on me to provide rigorous security for their online transactions, and they test my work thoroughly to make sure it complies. The introduction of a client-side security hole would nullify most of the work we do in keeping Australians safe.

I feel this law is being introduced by people to solve one particular issue, without a proper regard for the importance of data security across all levels of Australian life. This would be a serious mistake and I urge you to reconsider.

Regards,

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