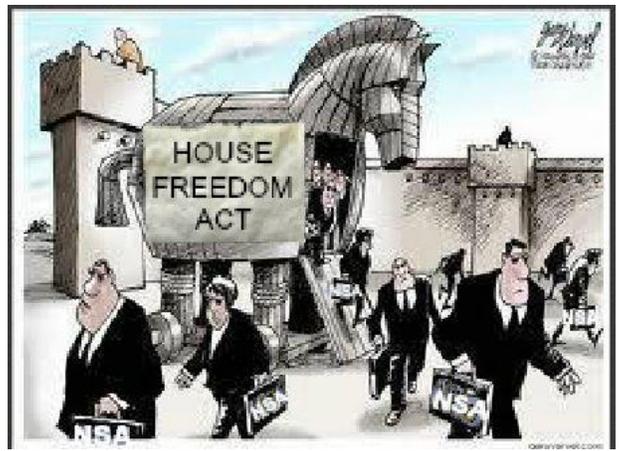


# HERE is WHY YOU SHOULD OPPOSE the USA FREEDOM ACT!



- First, all Members should know that **what is being considered today IS NOT the USA FREEDOM Act AS INTRODUCED or even MARKED UP by the House Judiciary Committee.**
- **ORIGINAL BIPARTISAN CO-SPONSORS & SUPPORTERS, CIVIL LIBERTIES & PRIVACY GROUPS, even Tech Companies like GOOGLE & FACEBOOK Have All Pulled Their Support.**
- **Certain key elements of this bill were changed in secret behind closed doors:**
  - **Changes in language to include language like 'such as' create a “backdoor” to allow the NSA to CONTINUE COLLECTING INFORMATION in BULK:**
    - For example: a person, entity, account using “such as” means the NSA is not limited to those types of terms.
    - **IN FACT NSA** could use an entire ZIP CODE, AREA CODE or even EVERY EMAIL ADDRESS THAT STARTS with the letter “A”
  - Currently telephone metadata doesn’t include cell phone metadata (just landline), but **under USA FREEDOM phone metadata collection is EXPANDED to include CELL PHONES.**
  - **TRANSPARENCY IS ACTUALLY REDUCED** because companies can no longer report the number of 702 (or other Title VII) requests they receive making it nearly impossible to determine to what extent searches are being used on US person’s communications.
  - **TRANSPARENCY IS FURTHER REDUCED by a 2 year reporting ban on new products or services, disproportionately impacting startups.**
- **HOW BAD IS USA FREEDOM now? Here’s what NSA whistleblowers interviewed in PBS’s Frontline report “United States of Surveillance” say:**
  - “Much legislation has been exploited and interpreted by the administration as permitting activities that Congress never intended...It does not deserve the name ‘USA Freedom Act’ any more than the ‘PATRIOT Act’ merits its moniker.”

**VOTE NO ON THE USA FREEDOM ACT!**

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