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VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

The Honorable Daniel Coats
Director of National Intelligence
Office of the Director of National Intelligence
Washington, DC 20511

Dear Director Coats:

We are writing to request a briefing on incidental collection of U.S. persons and the unmasking of U.S. persons. The scope of our request includes practices by all agencies overseen by you and all programs administered by those agencies.

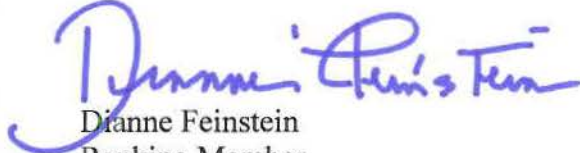
At a hearing on May 8, former Director of National Intelligence James Clapper testified that, at least in the case of Section 702 collection, records of unmasking requests exist. We ask that you instruct all agencies overseen by you to preserve all records related to unmasking requests that involve U.S. person elected officials, U.S. person candidates for elected office, or U.S. persons associated with political campaigns.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter. If you have any questions, please contact Patrick Davis of my Chairman Grassley's Committee staff at (202) 224-5225, Heather Sawyer of Ranking Member Feinstein's staff at (202) 224-7703, Lee Holmes of Chairman Graham's staff at (202) 224-5972, or Lara Quint of Ranking Member Whitehouse's staff at (202) 224-2921.

Sincerely,



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