

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Leader McConnell:

Recognizing the importance of moving swiftly to complete work on a FISA reauthorization, Speaker Pelosi appointed House conferees on May 28th to begin the process of resolving difference between the House and Senate. We know that reaching an agreement on FISA presents challenges, which is precisely why the two chambers need to go to conference without delay. Every day that goes by without any forward progress increases the risk to our national security, since a carefully-calibrated FISA law is a critical component of our country's counter-terrorism and counter-espionage efforts.

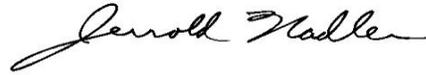
Over 100 days have passed since crucial FISA provisions expired. It is clear there is strong, bipartisan support for enacting a FISA reauthorization. The House bill (H.R. 6172) was approved on March 11th, by a vote of 278 to 136, with two-thirds of both Democratic and Republican Members voting in favor of passage. The Senate version of the bill was approved on May 14th with support from 80 Senators.

Nevertheless, more than a month has elapsed since the House conferees were named, and you have yet to appoint Senate conferees. This has the effect of forestalling any progress toward reaching a bipartisan, bicameral agreement that both protects the American people and safeguards their cherished civil liberties. This is a dereliction of duty. We urge you to act without further delay.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



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