

Dear Mr. Danilow,

Thank you for taking the time to contact me regarding the National Security Agency's data collection programs to safeguard our nation. This is an important issue and I am grateful for your thoughts as well as the opportunity to respond.

Our intelligence collection programs are vital tools used by the government to defend the security of the U.S. homeland. As you know, President Obama has recently made some suggestions to alter these programs; I am concerned his recommendations go too far and may make it more difficult for the government to carry out its constitutional responsibility to keep Americans safe.

Over the past several months, we've had a vigorous debate following the damaging leaks that revealed the existence of many programs. The collection programs we have in place are legally authorized and receive robust oversight from Congress as well as the judiciary.

As changes are proposed by members of Congress and the administration, I and other members of the intelligence committee will closely examine their impact to ensure keeping our people safe is our foremost goal while maintaining proper safeguards against unnecessary intrusions of our people's civil liberties.

In this ongoing war against terrorism, the vital work of the men and women of the intelligence community is our front line of defense. We need to ensure that those who work in the intelligence community have the tools they need to piece together information in order to defend our nation as well as our allies. Please know that I will continue to follow this situation closely and ensure that any privacy concern is heard and addressed appropriately.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as your United States Senator. I appreciate you offering your opinion on this important issue. If I can ever be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Marco Rubio
United States Senator

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