

Rep. McMillin offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 216.

A resolution to urge Congress to require the National Security Agency to obtain individual search warrants for a named person(s) to collect or track phone data and metadata as required by the Fourth Amendment of the United States Constitution.

Whereas, The National Security Agency (NSA) has been given broad power by rulings of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court to collect vast amounts of data from Americans' cell phones and Internet usage to pursue terrorism suspects. These rulings allow the NSA to spy on Americans which contradicts our Constitution, specifically the Fourth Amendment, which requires probable cause and a search warrant to collect such data. The rulings also establish judicial precedent with almost no public scrutiny; and

Whereas, The NSA acknowledges that it collects the telephone records of millions of Americans. Data collected include phone numbers called and length of each call, and provides access to location information. Over the past decade, the NSA has also collected email metadata – including sender address, recipients, and IP addresses – and Internet sites visited; and

Whereas, More than half of Americans believe these programs encroach on our privacy and that these intrusions are unjustified. The NSA has no proof that the current system is effective. Additionally, such data collection is unethical; and

Whereas, Congress has so far failed to restrict the NSA's violation of the constitutionally protected right to privacy of American citizens. The U.S. House of Representatives has rejected amendments which would prohibit the NSA from using federal funds to execute a Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court order unless that order specifically restricted phone data collection; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge Congress to require the National Security Agency to obtain individual search warrants for a named person(s) to collect or track phone data and metadata as required by the Fourth Amendment of the United States Constitution; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.