



March 13, 2008

Hon. John Conyers, Jr., Chairman
House Judiciary Committee

Hon. Silvestre Reyes, Chairman
House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Conyers and Chairman Reyes:

On behalf of the American Library Association (ALA) and the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) we write to express our support for the FISA Amendments Act of 2008 (the "Substitute"), and to thank you for introducing the amendment in the nature of a substitute to H.R. 3773.

We believe that the "Substitute" balances provisions between the House RESTORE Act, passed by the House last fall, and the Senate bill. The "Substitute" is a responsible, balanced compromise that enhances the government's ability to monitor foreign terrorists and spies, yet maintaining safeguards important to protecting the freedoms of law-abiding Americans.

Sincerely,

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