



House of Representatives  
**Judiciary Committee**

Chairman Bob Goodlatte

# INNOVATION & COMPETITIVENESS POLICY AGENDA

## **ECPA.**

The Email Privacy Act establishes, for the first time in federal statute, a uniform warrant requirement for stored communication content in criminal investigations, regardless of the type of service provider, the age of an email, or whether the email has been opened.

*\*Passed the House by voice vote on February 6, 2017*

## **Encryption.**

The House Judiciary Committee will continue to build upon the work and findings of the Bipartisan Encryption Working Group established during the 114th Congress.

## **FISA Section 702.**

The House Judiciary Committee is conducting a rigorous review of Section 702 of FISA, which targets non-U.S. persons outside the U.S., before its authorization expires on December 31, 2017.

## **International Conflicts of Law & Access to Data.**

The House Judiciary Committee continues to look at solutions to alleviate conflicts that hinder the ability of law enforcement to investigate criminal cases, while also considering the challenges international legal conflicts pose for American technology companies that serve users across the globe.

## **Patent Reform.**

This issue will continue to be a priority for the House Judiciary Committee. We must take steps to combat the ever-increasing problem of abusive patent litigation.

## **High-Skilled Immigration Reform.**

The House Judiciary Committee will build on its past work and continue to find a balanced solution to increase the high-skilled talent pool to promote job growth while protecting job opportunities for qualified Americans.

## **Copyright Reform.**

The Committee continues to work on legislation based on the proposed bipartisan policy reforms for the Copyright Office announced on December 8, 2016 as well as other areas of our copyright laws, such as music licensing.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING THE 114<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS

- ✓ **Judicial Redress Act.** This law strengthens partnerships with our allies by giving covered foreign citizens the ability to seek judicial redress in U.S. courts to ensure that their privacy is protected when their home countries give similar rights to U.S. citizens. (P.L. 114-126, 2/24/2016)
- ✓ **Permanent Internet Tax Freedom Act.** This law permanently bans internet access taxes across the nation. (P.L. 114-125, 2/24/2016)
- ✓ **Defend Trade Secrets Act.** This creates a federal civil remedy for stealing trade secrets that will help American innovators protect their intellectual property from theft. (P.L. 114-153, 5/11/2016)
- ✓ **USA FREEDOM Act.** This law reforms our intelligence-gathering programs operated under FISA, including ending the bulk collection of metadata. (P.L. 114-23, 6/2/2015)