

The PATRIOT Act & Domestic Surveillance

Grassroots Recommendations

Vote NO on Reauthorization of the PATRIOT Act until it is amended to add strong protections for civil liberties

- **Section 215 orders** allowing authorities to seize any tangible thing must require the government to show at least some evidence supporting individualized suspicion that justifies subjecting their targets to such extraordinary powers.
- Congress must place limits on the use of **national security letters**, which allow the government access to sensitive personal information without the approval of an impartial judge.
- Investigators using **roving wiretaps** must be required to specify either the person or the device being targeted to protect the privacy of innocent people.

Rein in the FBI and COINTELPRO 2.0

- Congress must conduct more careful oversight, encourage the attorney general to issue new FBI guidelines to fix the current policy's faults, and insist on new leadership at the Bureau after Director Mueller's term expires later this year.
- New Attorney General's Guidelines for the FBI must prevent the Bureau from investigating innocent Americans without any evidence or even suspicion of a crime; or profiling based on race, ethnicity, religion, or political belief.

Cut spending to balance the federal budget and defend constitutional rights

- When addressing the bloated federal budget, start with wasteful programs justified in the name of national security that offend both fiscal conservatism and constitutional rights, including TSA's ineffective and intrusive body scanners, or the dozens of redundant fusion centers funded by cash-strapped states and the Department of Homeland Security.
- The Bill of Rights Defense Committee has identified a number of constitutionally offensive programs on which the federal government squanders billions of dollars each year, in addition to the costs borne by cash-strapped states.

