

## WHAT CAN I DO?

It's time for community action! We must take back our Constitutional rights! Locally, city-by-city, we will pass resolutions and ordinances to work for the repeal of the USA PATRIOT Act (**UPA**), recent Executive and Military Orders. **More than 400** local governments have passed resolutions opposing these actions, plus the states of Hawai'i, Alaska, Vermont, Maine, Montana, Idaho, Colorado & California.

<http://www.bordc.org>

1. Please sign our petition.
2. Ask your local council member to support our effort.
3. Write to your Congressional representatives. Only one US Senator voted against the Act – none from Oregon. Only 66 House members voted no. Among them: Peter DeFazio, Earl Blumenauer and David Wu. Please write to thank them. Oregon's other representatives voted our rights away. It is up to us to stand up for our liberties!
4. Write **letters to the editor** at your local newspapers. Speak out about your rights, or you will lose them!

## CONTACTS:

**Eugene City Council 777 Pearl St.  
Eugene, OR 97401 (541) 682-5210.**

[mayorandcc@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:mayorandcc@ci.eugene.or.us)

Andrea Ortiz, Betty Taylor, Bonny Bettman,  
Chris Pryor, David Kelly, Gary Papé,  
George Poling, Jennifer Solomon, and  
Mayor Kitty Piercy

**Go to our website and click to send emails.**  
<http://www.lanerights.org>

## United States Congress:

**Peter DeFazio** 151 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Suite 400 Eugene, OR  
97401. (541) 465-6732.

**Darlene Hooley** 315 Mission St. SE Salem, OR 97302  
(503) 588-9100

**David Wu** 620 SW Main Suite 606 Portland, OR  
97205. (800) 422-4003.

**Earl Blumenauer** 516 SE Morrison Suite 250  
Portland, OR 97214 (503) 231-2300.

**Greg Walden** 843 E. Main St. #400 Medford, OR  
97504. (541) 776-0204.

**Ron Wyden** 151 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. Suite 435 Eugene, OR  
97401. (541) 431-0229.

**Gordon Smith** Federal Building 211 E. 7<sup>th</sup> #202  
Eugene, OR 97401 (541) 465-6750.

"They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."

- *Benjamin Franklin, 1759*

"The strength of the Constitution lies entirely in the determination of each citizen to defend it. Only if every single citizen feels duty bound to do [her] share in this defense are the constitutional rights secure."

*Albert Einstein*

"If we gave up our freedom as the price of security, we would no longer be the great nation that we are."

*Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg*

LANE COUNTY  
BILL OF RIGHTS  
DEFENSE COMMITTEE

<http://www.lanerights.org>

PO Box 51434  
Eugene, OR 97405

541 683-5634 or 541 345-6654

## Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death!

~Patrick Henry

The U.S. Bill of Rights is in jeopardy. Civil liberties are threatened. The freedoms that George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Sojourner Truth, Frederick Douglass, Susan B. Anthony and others worked to achieve have been shredded by the USA PATRIOT Act (**UPA**) and Homeland Security. The current administration revoked vital rights, saying it was necessary to fight the "war on terrorism." Most Americans say they would not choose to give up liberty and precious freedoms for the promise of security.



USA PATRIOT Act (**UPA**) is an acronym for "Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism." But the effects of this Act are not uniting and strengthening; they are divisive and destructive to the freedoms we all enjoy as Americans. Homeland Security is less about real security and more about spying on you because of skin color, ethnicity, politics or religion.

# Our Bill of Rights Provides:

1. The right to be secure in your home with your papers and effects free from unreasonable search and seizure.
2. The right not to be searched without probable cause and a court order stating the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.
3. The right not to be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law.
4. The right to keep private property. It can't be taken for public use without just compensation.
5. The right to a speedy trial.
6. The right to an impartial jury.
7. The right to be confronted by witnesses against you.
8. The right to equal protection under the law.
9. Freedom of speech, to peaceably assemble and to petition the government for redress of grievances.

To read the US BILL OF RIGHTS:

[http://www.archives.gov/exhibit\\_hall/charters\\_of\\_freedom/bill\\_of\\_rights/amendments\\_1-10.html](http://www.archives.gov/exhibit_hall/charters_of_freedom/bill_of_rights/amendments_1-10.html)

To read the USA PATRIOT Act:

<http://www.cdt.org/security/010911response.shtml>

To read recent Executive Orders:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/offdocs/eo/index.html>

## THE USA PATRIOT ACT, HOMELAND SECURITY, & RECENT EXECUTIVE AND MILITARY ORDERS DESTROY OUR RIGHTS

- ◆ **UPA:** Law enforcement may wiretap your phone & Internet communications without a court order. **HS:** People may spy on others if “in the national interest.”
- ◆ **UPA:** Law enforcement may enter your home, conducting secret searches and taking photos without evidence of criminal activity, and without telling you until they choose to inform you. **HS:** Under mere “presumption of guilt,” you, your car and your records may be searched.
- ◆ **UPA:** Law enforcement may search medical, financial and educational, library records and bookstore purchases. Record keepers may not divulge the search under penalty of prosecution. **HS:** Trace Internet activity without court order; credit card search without notice.
- ◆ **UPA:** Immigrants indefinitely detained on authority of the Attorney General. **HS:** Anyone may be jailed for 30 days without charges, and without a phone call.
- ◆ **MO:** Individuals suspected of terrorism may be prosecuted in secret military tribunals.
- ◆ **EO:** American citizen José Padilla, has been held since May in a military brig, with no charges filed. US citizen Yasser Esam Hamdi is also confined without charges, both labeled “enemy combatants.”
- ◆ **EO:** Conversations between federal prisoners and their attorneys may be wiretapped.
- ◆ **UPA:** Domestic terrorism, a new broadly defined crime, can apply to peaceful protesters. Women in Black, who silently vigil for Middle East peace, was named a potential terrorist group by the FBI.
- ◆ **EO:** Justice Department regulations prohibiting illegal spying have been lifted. The CIA and FBI may join in conducting covert activities against domestic groups, as was done in the 1960s to discredit leaders like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

## The Frank Church Commission met in the mid-70s about CIA and FBI abuses during the 1960s and 70s.

**Quotes from the report's findings:** “The crescendo of improper intelligence activity in the latter part of the 1960s and early 1970s shows what we must watch out for: In times of crisis, the Government will exercise its power to conduct domestic intelligence activities to the fullest extent. The distinction between legal dissent and criminal conduct is easily forgotten.” **Of checks and balances:** “The natural tendency of Government is toward abuse of power. Men entrusted with power, even those aware of its dangers, tend, particularly when pressured, to slight liberty. Our Constitutional system guards against this tendency. It establishes many different checks upon power. It is those wise restraints which keep men free.”

**Rep. Don Young (R-AK)** called the UPA “worst piece of legislation we’ve ever passed.”

**Sen. James Sensenbrenner (R-WI)** said of Sen. Orrin Hatch’s attempt to repeal the UPA’s sunset provisions, “over my dead body.”

**Wayne LaPierre, Executive VP of NRA** “We’ve witnessed a fire sale of American liberties at bargain basement prices, in return for a false promise of more security. Freedom is the first bargaining chip of a scared people. But it’s always a losing bet.”

- ▶ **Rep. C.L. “Butch” Otter (R-ID)** “I think [law enforcement officials] are trampling on our rights and they are doing it in the name of trying to protect us from domestic terrorism.”

### Some local governments with resolutions or \*ordinances:

Northampton MA,	Leverett, MA	Chicago, IL
Amherst, MA	Denver, CO	Boulder, CO
Carrboro, NC	Ann Arbor, MI	Berkeley, CA
Madison, WI	Alachua County FL	Takoma Park, MD
<b>Astoria, OR</b>	Santa Cruz, CA	<b>Eugene, OR</b>
Burlington, VT	<b>Portland, OR</b>	Flagstaff, AZ
Detroit, MI	Tucson, AZ	Oakland, CA
Fairbanks, AK	Blount County, TN	<b>Wheeler, OR</b>
<b>*Port Orford, OR</b>	Arcata, CA	San Francisco, CA
Honolulu, HI	Bloomington, IN	Baltimore, MD
<b>Douglas Cnty, OR</b>	Philadelphia, PA	University City, MO
<b>Benton Co. OR</b>	Vashon Island, WA	<b>Ashland, OR</b>
Seattle, WA	Minneapolis, MN	Castle Valley, UT
<b>Multnomah Cty, OR</b>	Missoula, MT	Los Angeles, CA
<b>Talent, OR</b>	<b>Corvallis, OR</b>	Sonoma, CA
Albany, NY	<b>Gaston, OR</b>	<b>Lane County, OR</b>