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The Honorable Mike Rogers
Chairman
The Honorable C.A. Dutch Ruppertsberger
Ranking Member
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman and Ranking Member Ruppertsberger:

(U) Please find enclosed a classified document that describes the Intelligence Community's collection programs under Title VII of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA), added by the FISA Amendments Act (FAA) of 2008. The Intelligence Community and the Department of Justice jointly prepared the enclosed document, which provides an overview of all of the expiring provisions of FISA. The principal focus of the paper is the implementation, oversight, and value of section 702 of FISA.

~~(S//NF)~~ Section 702 of FISA has proven to be a critical tool in the Government's efforts to acquire foreign intelligence necessary to protect the Nation's security, while at the same time establishing rigorous safeguards to protect the privacy interests of U.S. persons. Section 702 has significantly enhanced the capability of the Intelligence Community to collect information about

 Section 702, along with other important provisions of Title VII of FISA, will expire at the end of this year unless reauthorized by Congress. Reauthorization is the top legislative priority of the Intelligence Community.

~~(S//NF)~~ We believe that making this document available to all Members of Congress is an effective way to inform the legislative debate about reauthorization of Title VII of FISA. However, it is critical that Members understand the importance to national security of maintaining the secrecy of these programs. The enclosed document is being provided on the understanding that it will be provided only to Members of Congress (and cleared HPSCI, Judiciary Committee, and leadership staff), in a secure location in the HPSCI's spaces, and consistent with the rules of HPSCI regarding review of classified information and non-disclosure agreements. Any notes taken by Members or staff may not be removed from the secure location. We also request your support in ensuring that Members and staff are well informed regarding the

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classification and sensitivity of this information to prevent any unauthorized disclosures. Executive Branch officials would welcome the opportunity to answer any questions should they arise. We intend to provide the same document to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI) under similar conditions, so that it may be made available to the Members of the Senate, as well as cleared leadership, SSCI and Senate Judiciary Committee staff.

(U) We look forward to working with you and your staff as Congress deliberates on reauthorizing this critical legislation.

Sincerely,



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