June 16, 2014

Dear Congressman:

The Fourth Amendment guarantees Americans protection against warrantless search and seizure. We write, asking you to uphold the Fourth Amendment in the digital era by updating the Election Communications Privacy Act.

If you have not already done so, we encourage you to co-sponsor the Email Privacy Act, H.R. 1852, introduced by Representatives Kevin Yoder (R-KS) and Jared Polis (D-CO). We also encourage your vote on this legislation when it comes to the floor as a stand-alone bill. This legislation outlines a simple procedure to ensure that email and cloud documents receive the same protections as paper documents stored in a local file cabinet.

Nationwide Vox Populi polling shows that all voters share a common concern in these protections from government intrusion into digital file cabinets. In all polling locations a minimum of 84% of voters felt it was time to update the ECPA. The polls revealed that a minimum of seventy percent of voters were more likely to vote for a candidate who pledged to update the ECPA.

The Email Privacy Act will overcome the 218-member threshold this week. We encourage you to join fellow Representatives in co-sponsorship, if you have not done so already. Further, we encourage leadership to bring this bill to the floor for a recorded vote. Our Representatives should be on record and accountable to their constituencies, regarding support for the Fourth Amendment to the American Constitution.

If you should have any questions or comments, please contact Katie McAuliffe by email, kmcauliffe@atr.org, or phone, 202-785-0266.

Onward,

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