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To our friends in the Texas Congressional Delegation:

The threat of another Big Brother expansion is upon us. This time around, regimists have named their plot “The Restrict Act.” Really, it’s the Patriot Act 2.0.

Thanks to the Patriot Act, our government spies on ordinary Americans through phone, email, banking, and Internet records. The Restrict Act would further expand this authoritarian oversight, granting the executive branch limitless power and discretion to investigate, disrupt, and punish speech it deems an “undue or unacceptable risk” to national security.

Plainly put, the Restrict Act would give bureaucrats unfettered congressional and judicial power to wield against their political enemies. It’s regimists’ Trojan horse to destroy our freedom of speech.

Proponents of the bill will promise you that the Restrict Act only impacts information and communications technology (ICT) products and services: namely China’s data gathering and [cultural subversion](#) app, TikTok. (Whose name, by the way, is absent from the bill). This is the same song and dance they gave Americans 22 years ago, claiming the Patriot Act would only be used to protect Americans from terrorists like the ones behind 9/11. In reality, it’s always been about establishing a surveillance state.

The American Conservative [warned](#):

“There is no worse way to communicate that government action can sometimes be used for good than pushing legislation with obscenely broad language that is only tangentially related to a policy proposal enjoying time in the spotlight.”



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Awarding boundless power to a government proven eager, time and again, to subvert its citizens' rights and welfare for its own self interest is consenting to the destruction of a free nation.

It's for these reasons that the Texas Freedom Caucus urges you to protect us all from The Restrict Act.

God Bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Schaefer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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