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GSRA Introduced to Make Sweeping Section 702 Reforms



Wyden Unveils Sweeping Section 702 Reform Legislation

According to multiple media reports and statements, a bipartisan, bicameral bill was introduced on November 7, 2023, by Sen. **Ron Wyden** (D-OR), Sen. **Mike Lee** (R-UT), Rep. **Warren Davidson** (R-OH), and Rep. **Zoe Lofgren** (D-CA) that would rein in the U.S. surveillance state and significantly reform the laws the government uses to warrantlessly spy on Americans — including Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA). Known as [The Government Surveillance Reform Act](#) (GSRA), the 206-page bill would reauthorize Section 702 for four years.

The legislation is cosponsored by Senators **Tammy Baldwin**, D-Wisc., **Steve Daines**, R-Mont., **Mazie Hirono**, D-Hawaii, **Cynthia Lummis**, R-Wy., **Jon Tester**, D-Mont., **Elizabeth Warren**, D-Mass., and **Edward Markey**, D-Mass.

In the House, the bill is cosponsored by Reps. **Andy Biggs**, R-Ariz., Rep. **Pramila Jayapal**, D-Wash., **Thomas Massie**, R-Ky., Rep. **Sara Jacobs**, D-Calif., Rep. **Nancy Mace**, R-S.C.,

Rep. **Judy Chu**, D-Calif., Rep. **Lloyd Doggett**, D-Texas, Rep. **Barbara Lee**, D-Calif., Rep. **Lou Correa**, D-Calif., and Rep. **Ted Lieu**, D-Calif.

The bill's reforms include:

- Protecting Americans from warrantless backdoor searches, ensuring that foreigners aren't targeted as a pretext for spying on the Americans with whom they are communicating, and prohibiting the collection of domestic communications.
- Extending similar reforms to surveillance activities under Executive Order 12333, including by limiting warrantless searches of Americans' communications and prohibiting the targeting of foreigners as a pretext for surveilling Americans. It also limits the acquisition of Americans' information as part of large datasets.
- Requiring warrants for surveillance of Americans' location data, web browsing and search records, including AI assistants like Alexa and Siri, vehicle data and by prohibiting the government from purchasing Americans' data from data brokers.
- Exceptions to ensure the government can continue to use Section 702 for defensive cybersecurity purposes, to assist in locating and rescuing hostages overseas and emergency provisions in cases where there isn't sufficient time to get a warrant in advance.

The bill has been endorsed by dozens of civil society organizations including Advancing Justice | AAJC, Asian American Scholar Forum (AASF), and Chinese for Affirmative Action (CAA) which are leading a coalition of Asian American organizations to [oppose the renewal of Section 702](#) of FISA unless significant revisions are put into place.

In addition, APA Justice supports an open letter to Congress prepared by American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) that individuals are urged to sign on: <https://bit.ly/3EFkq3R>.

Additional coalition activities will be coming soon after the introduction of GSRA.

Read the press statement by Senator Ron Wyden: <https://bit.ly/3SxLn8V> and watch the press conference: <https://bit.ly/3u04ggS>

Links to some media reports and statements:

- ACLU: [Applauds Introduction of Bipartisan Government Surveillance Reform Act to Rein in Warrantless Government Surveillance](#)
- Asian Americans Advancing Justice – AAJC: [Calls the Government Surveillance Reform Act Much-Needed Reform to Curb Warrantless Government Surveillance of Asian Americans](#)
- *Axios*: [Lawmakers unveil first bill to renew controversial surveillance program](#)
- *Just Security*: [The Year of Section 702 Reform, Part IV: The Government Surveillance Reform Act](#)
- *The Record*: [Bipartisan bill aims to have wide impact on federal surveillance efforts](#)

APEC Summit in San Francisco on November 11-17



The 2023 Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Summit, also known as APEC, will be held in San Francisco on November 11-17, 2023. It was founded in Canberra, Australia, in 1989 as an informal dialogue forum to promote regional economic integration.

APEC's members are Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Peru, the Philippines, Russia, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, the United States and Vietnam. They represent about 38% of the global population. Their economies account for about [62% of global GDP](#) and almost half of global trade.

The APEC Summit will host these 21 member economies from the Pacific Rim regions, including President **Joe Biden** and Chinese President **Xi Jinping**. According to [Reuters](#) on November 8, 2023, Presidents Biden and Xi are expected to hold summit talks as they seek to stabilize tense ties by meeting in-person for just the second time in nearly three years. Exact timing and other logistical details have not yet been formally announced.

Visit <https://www.apec2023sf.org/> for more information about the APEC Summit. It includes an [External Stakeholder Events](#) web page on a number of concurrent side events for broader public or targeted audience engagement that are organized by a wide variety of leading business, civil society, or nonprofit groups unaffiliated with the official APEC 2023 program or the United States Government.

DHS Issues Proposed Rule to Modernize the H-1B Specialty Occupation Worker Program



Modernizing H-1B Requirements, Providing Flexibility in the F-1 Program, and Program Improvements Affecting Other Nonimmigrant Workers

A Proposed Rule by the [Homeland Security Department](#) on 10/23/2023



This document has a comment period that ends in 44 days. (12/22/2023)

SUBMIT A FORMAL COMMENT

768 comments received. [View posted comments](#)

On October 20, 2023, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), through U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), published a [Notice of Proposed Rulemaking](#) (NPRM) that would modernize the H-1B specialty occupation worker program by streamlining eligibility requirements, improving program efficiency, providing greater benefits and flexibilities for employers and workers, and strengthening integrity measures.

The period to submit written comments closes December 22, 2023: <https://bit.ly/49mYwYJ>.

News and Activities for the Communities

1. APA Justice Community Calendar

APA Justice Public Events

Today | November 2023 | Print Week Month Agenda

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 9pm Rep. Gene | | | 12pm A Conver: 5pm Chinese A | | | |
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| 9pm Rep. Gene 1:45pm APA Jus | | | | NAPABA Convention 8:30am Quincy | | 9am 2023ACPh |
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| NAPABA Conv 9pm Rep. Gene | | | 6:30pm Media H 5pm C100 Foru | | | National API 7pm Inaugural |
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APA Justice Public Events

Today | Wednesday, November 8 | Print Week Month Agenda

Thursday, November 9

- NAPABA Convention
- 8:30am Quincy Institute: East Meets West Event

Friday, November 10

- NAPABA Convention

Saturday, November 11

- NAPABA Convention
- 9:00am 2023ACP城市论坛 (MetroCon Daytime Symposium)

Sunday, November 12

- NAPABA Convention
- 9:00pm Rep. Gene Wu's Weekly Town Hall meeting

Wednesday, November 15

- 6:30pm Media Narratives - Evaluating U.S.-China Headlines

Upcoming Events:

2023/11/09 Quincy Institute: East Meets West Event

2023/11/09-12 NAPABA Convention

2023/11/11 Association of Chinese Professionals 2023 MetroCon
2023/11/12 Rep. Gene Wu's Weekly Town Hall Meeting
2023/11/15 1990 Institute Media Narratives - Evaluating U.S.-China Headlines

Visit <https://bit.ly/45KGyga> for event details.

2. 2023/11/09 Quincy Institute: East Meets West Event



WHAT: East Meets West

WHEN: Thursday, November 9, 8:30 am - 11:15 am Eastern Time

WHERE: Hybrid event; Union Station, 50 Massachusetts Ave NE, Washington, DC

HOST: Quincy Institute

DESCRIPTION: Unpacking U.S.-China relations in the lead up to the Biden-Xi meeting at APEC

REGISTRATION: <https://bit.ly/3QsCtqN>

3. 2023/11/15 Media Narratives - Evaluating U.S.-China Headlines

A light blue poster for a workshop. At the top, it says "U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS" in a dark blue rounded rectangle. Below that is the title "Media Narratives: Evaluating U.S.-China Headlines" in large, bold, dark blue font. Under the title, there are two smaller rounded rectangles: "TEACHERS WORKSHOP" and "SPEAKERS". The date "NOV 15" is prominently displayed in large, bold, red font. Below the date, there is a red video camera icon and the times "3:30 PM PT" and "6:30 PM ET". At the bottom, there are three circular speaker portraits. The first is Bochen Han, South China Morning Post U.S. Correspondent. The second is Kaiser Kuo, Sinica Podcasts Founder & The China Project Editor at Large. The third is Amy Qin, The New York Times National Correspondent. The 1990 Institute logo is at the bottom left.

WHAT: Media Narratives - Evaluating U.S.-China Headlines
WHEN: Wednesday, November 15, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Eastern Time
WHERE: Virtual Teachers Workshop via Zoom
HOST: The 1990 Institute
SPEAKERS:

- **Kaiser Kuo**, The China Project
- **Amy Qin**, The New York Times
- **Bochen Han**, South China Morning Post

DESCRIPTION: The panel will delve into their first-hand experiences of their careers as journalists to highlight some of the complexities of news reporting in the context of U.S.-China relations.

REGISTRATION: <https://bit.ly/49kn1Wc>

4. 2023/11/18 Inaugural Jimmy Carter Conversation on U.S.-China Relations



WHAT: In-person event: Inaugural Jimmy Carter Conversation on U.S.-China Relations
WHEN: Saturday, November 18, 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm Pacific Time, reception and dinner to follow (note: email confirmation required for dinner yawei.liu@cartercenter.org)
WHERE: Del Santo Reading Room, Lone Mountain Main Building 270, University of San Francisco, 2820 Turk Blvd, San Francisco, CA 94118
HOSTS: The Carter Center; University of San Francisco
SPEAKERS:

- **Max Baucus**, Former U.S. Senator and Ambassador to China
- **Zoe Zongyuan Liu**, Council on Foreign Relations
- **Orville Schell**, Asia Society
- **Amy Celico**, Albright Stonebridge Group
- **Ker Gibbs**, University of San Francisco

DESCRIPTION: Speakers will debate and discuss the legacy of U.S.-China relations and how to peacefully manage the most consequential bilateral relationship in the world.

REGISTRATION: <https://bit.ly/40wINID>

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