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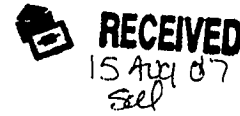
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The Honorable John M. McConnell
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Dear Director McConnell:

I appreciated our meeting on July 11, 2007 to discuss the Administration's proposal to modernize the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA). I found your presentation thoughtful and helpful. As you know, Chairman Rockefeller and Chairman Leahy have underscored our need to review the determinations and legal opinions related to the President's Terrorism Surveillance Program in order to proceed with revision to existing U.S. law. This review is critical to a careful revision of the FISA that satisfies our national security needs and addresses important civil liberties concerns.

During our meeting, you singled out three key changes to the FISA that you would like to be enacted on an expedited basis. In our ensuing discussion, we confirmed that one of these provisions is already part of U.S. law. As I noted in our meeting, it is vital to have legislative language that is narrowly crafted to cover your two remaining changes in order to move forward in a timely way. I look forward to reviewing the new language as soon as you develop it.

I welcome the opportunity to continue our dialogue on this important issue. Thank you for your attention to this matter and I look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,



Sheldon Whitehouse
United States Senator

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