

Patriot Act

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Dear Senators Burr and Hagan,

I have been in communication with both your offices during the last year concerning FSA/USDA adverse actions against us.

One of those possible actions that I have not disclosed to either of you to date is what I think to be electronic tampering that prevents us from conducting our farming and non-farm business affairs. I understand how preposterous all this may appear but will be more than happy to share with you a very long list of likely illegal intrusions and tampering from missing court documents in yahoo mail to important crop insurance faxes not received to blue screens of death on both main computers. I am sure some incidents have logical explanations but not all.

I have tried to get the FBI involved to check my computers and presently have contacted the Greensboro Police Department to find someone that can analysis my computers to determine if there is illegal key logging. From what I have discovered in the last 60 days it is indeed quite sobering what is likely illegally occurring to our expectation of privacy to conduct our affairs and business. The laws are likely skirted by 3rd party vendors that are the distributors of Trojan horses that contain such programs as key logging. The processes are very sophiscated to the point of having anti-virus white papers not identify the Trojan horse viruses by most if not all the anti-virus vendors. I suspect even worse of having known backdoors in most if not all computer Operating Systems – all in the name of national security of course. If we are not secure from our own government we are at greater risk than from any foreign power. (Google search “magic lantern” and “carnivore” – both of these are dated programs but sure there have been replacements)

The prevailing argument is that if everything one does is legal why worry. What if there are potentially very incriminating documents of government employee’s misconducts or attorney/client privileges? And do not think for a moment that you as members of congress and staff are immune from such illegal intrusions.

As further evidence in my particular case believe it or not this original draft was somehow deleted from the draft folder of my Thunderbird email client sometime between 5/24/11 and now 5/26/11 but fortunately I had saved the email draft to this Word document.

With the volume and depth of electronical violations I have personally experienced I think the Patriot Act should lapse. 4th amendment rights need to be extended to include any and all electronic papers and that includes cloud technology as I have experienced very suspicious activity there as well in both Yahoo and Gmail email systems.

In our case the intrusions have likely included what is called “brute force” entry and control on at least 2 occasions and possible cause of 2 blue screens of death. Interestingly enough even the failure of a relatively new external hard drive had incriminating evidence of crop tampering.

I need to create additional documents of likely criminal misconduct but do not dare put the information on any computer I own. Do you have any idea in today’s society how awful it is not to be able to create information on your computer with no expectation of privacy from the very people we are suppose to be able to trust.

To prove electronic tampering is very technically difficult and very expensive but I know it has occurred and is occurring with us. It is my understanding the cost starts at \$2000 per computer and up if you can find anyone with the necessary skills to analyze. I do not have that kind of money.

The Patriot Act needs to expire and safeguards need to be passed to include court warrants with reasonable merit to extend 4th amendment rights to all electronic papers and communications.

Best regards,

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