

DEFEND CIVIL LIBERTIES AGAINST "ANTI-TERRORIST" ATTACKS!

To Federal legislators:

With the Domestic Security Enhancement Act, or Patriot Act II, the Department of Justice proposes to gut the freedoms of speech and assembly, freedom from unreasonable search and seizure, and cruel and unusual punishment, and the rights to due process and speedy and public trial — eliminate checks and balances between the police agencies and the courts, and do away with the public's right-to-know what its government is doing.

If enacted, the Patriot Act II would:

- authorize secret arrests including those of material witnesses who are not charged with a crime;
- bar defense attorneys from challenging use of secret evidence;
- deny the right to sue for information on detainees under the Freedom of Information Act;
- permit arrests and extraditions of citizens and non-citizens alike to countries with which the U.S. has no extradition treaties and without regard for those countries' human rights records;
- strip American citizenship from anyone who supports even the lawful activities of organizations the administration calls "terrorist;"
- create a new category of "domestic security surveillance" for terrorism investigations with looser standards than criminal investigations;
- provide for extended jail terms for common immigration offenses; and
- allow summary deportation to any country in the world, including those with no functioning government.

Like its predecessor the USA Patriot Act, Patriot Act II would sacrifice basic Constitutional liberties, and would thus be detrimental to the security of the majority of people living in the United States. **The Domestic Security Enhancement Act should never become law and the USA Patriot Act should be repealed.**

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