

Oppose the Government's Mass Collection and Behavioral Analysis of Data on Individuals Without Their Consent or Due Process

1 **WHEREAS** the 4th Amendment to the United States Constitution protects against
2 un-reasonable search and seizure; and

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4 **WHEREAS** the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, which provides a procedure
5 for authorizing domestic surveillance by the federal government, requires that
6 targets of authorized surveillance be specifically related to foreign powers, and
7 also that the government ensure that such surveillance will not collect information
8 on unrelated private citizens; and

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10 **WHEREAS** it was recently confirmed that the government has been collecting
11 information on the activities of untargeted citizens through the NSA's PRISM
12 program^[1]; and

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14 **WHEREAS** the public's only awareness of this program came from a government
15 contractor who now lives in exile, in fear of retributory prosecution, despite the
16 President's insistence in 2009 of his dedication to government transparency,
17 showing we cannot possibly know how many other such programs exist; and

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19 **WHEREAS** it was also disclosed recently that the National Security Agency is
20 "storing the online [data] of internet users for up to a year, regardless of whether
21 or not they are persons of interest," ^[2] contradicting government assurances that
22 such data was deleted

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24 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democratic Central
25 Committee opposes the mass collection of third party information on US citizens
26 that are not specifically targeted, as an invasion of privacy; and

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28 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Washington State
29 Democratic Central Committee urges the Executive Branch of the US Government
30 to abide by the terms of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act in meeting a
31 high standard of justification for targeting of citizens with federal surveillance and
32 information collection techniques; and

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35 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHUR RESOLVED** that the Washington State
36 Democratic Central Committee urges the President and the Department of Justice
37 to end all such programs that skirt the spirit and/or letter of both the FISA and
38 the U.S. Constitution and notify the Washington State Federal Delegation of this
39 resolution; and

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41 **THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Washington State
42 Democratic Central Committee request the Washington State Delegation to the
43 U.S. Congress prevent the funding of such programs.

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46 Submitted by the 30th Legislative District Democrats to the Washington State Democratic Central
47 Committee for consideration at its February 1, 2014 meeting in Vancouver. (Date Submitted 1/17/2014)

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49 The WSDCC Resolutions Committee "RECOMMENDED A PASS" on this resolution at its February 1,
50 2014 meeting in Vancouver.

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52 The WSDCC "PASSED" this resolution at its February 1, 2014 meeting in Vancouver.

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54 [1] "PRISM (surveillance program) - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia." 2013. 1 Oct. 2013
55 <[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/PRISM_\(surveillance_program\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/PRISM_(surveillance_program))>

56 [2] James Ball. "NSA stores metadata of millions of web users for up to a year, secret
57 files show." 2013. 1 Oct. 2013
58 <[http://www.theguardian.com/world/2013/sep/30/nsa-americans-metadata-year-](http://www.theguardian.com/world/2013/sep/30/nsa-americans-metadata-year-documents)
59 [documents](http://www.theguardian.com/world/2013/sep/30/nsa-americans-metadata-year-documents)>