

AALL Government Relations Office
Action Alert
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**IMMEDIATE ACTION NEEDED:
Ask Your House Rep. to Vote for PATRIOT Act Reauthorization Bill, H.R. 3845**

ACTION AT A GLANCE:

- [Ask your representative](#) to support the *USA Patriot Amendments Act of 2009* when it reaches the House floor.
- Thank the [members of the House Judiciary Committee](#) who voted in support of the *USA Patriot Amendments Act of 2009* ([H.R. 3845](#)) when it was favorably reported out of committee on November 5, 2009.

BACKGROUND

On December 31, 2009, three provisions of the *USA PATRIOT Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2005* (P.L. 109-177) are [scheduled to expire](#): Section 206 (roving wiretaps), [Section 215](#), and the lone wolf provision.

AALL strongly supports legislation introduced by House Judiciary Committee Chairman John Conyers, Jr. (D-MI-14), Rep. Jerrold Nadler (D-NY-8) and Rep. Bobby Scott (D-VA-3), the *USA Patriot Amendments Act of 2009* ([H.R. 3845](#)), which would raise the standard for Section 215 orders to protect the private information of library users and tighten the standards for issuing [National Security Letters](#). The House Judiciary Committee reported H.R. 3845 favorably, as amended, on November 5, 2009.

Please [email](#) your House representative to ask him or her to vote for the *USA Patriot Amendments Act of 2009* ([H.R. 3845](#)) when it reaches the House floor.

This Alert includes our specific “asks” and a sample message so that you can easily make contact with your representative. Thank you for speaking out on this important issue and [please let us know](#) the response you receive from your representative’s office.

IMMEDIATE ACTION NEEDED

Message to all House representatives:

- Ask him/her to vote in favor of H.R. 3845, the *USA PATRIOT Amendments Act of 2009*, when it reaches the House floor.
- The bill would protect the privacy of library users by raising the standard for Section 215 orders and amending the National Security Letter statute to ensure that the government obtains records only of people believed to be terrorists or spies.
- Explain why preserving the privacy rights and civil liberties of library users and all Americans is important to you.

Message to the following members of the House Judiciary Committee who voted in support of the [H.R. 3845](#) when it was favorably reported out of committee:

[Rep. John Conyers](#) (D-MI-14)

[Rep. Jerrold Nadler](#) (D-NY-8)

[Rep. Mel Watt](#) (D-NC-12)

[Rep. Zoe Lofgren](#) (D-CA-16)

[Rep. Bill Delahunt](#) (D-MA-10)

[Rep. Steve Cohen](#) (D-TN-9)

[Rep. Henry Johnson](#) (D-GA-4)

[Pedro Pierluisi](#) (New Progressive Party-PR)

[Rep. Mike Quigley](#) (D-IL-5)

[Rep. Judy Chu](#) (D-CA-32)

[Rep. Luis Gutierrez](#) (D-IL-4)

[Rep. Tammy Baldwin](#) (D-WI-2)

[Rep. Anthony Weiner](#) (D-NY-9)

[Rep. Adam Schiff](#) (D-CA-29)

[Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz](#) (D-CA-20)

[Rep. Dan Maffei](#) (D-NY-25)

- Thank him/her for supporting H.R. 3845, the *USA PATRIOT Amendments Act of 2009*.
- Explain why preserving the privacy rights and civil liberties of library users and all Americans is important to you.

Sample Message to all House representatives:

Please personalize your message by explaining why protecting the privacy and civil liberties of library patrons is important to you. If your member is [one of the ten co-sponsors](#) of H.R. 3845, or if he or she [voted to report the bill favorably](#) out of committee, please thank him/her for supporting the bill.

Also, please take a look at our [list of representatives](#) to determine if your representative has a JD. If so, please personalize your message by mentioning the law school he/she attended or any other connection you might have to him/her.

Dear Representative [last name]

I am writing to ask you to support H.R. 3845, the *USA Patriot Amendments Act of 2009*, when it reaches the House floor. As a law librarian, I support H.R. 3845 because it would raise the standard for Section 215 orders, the so-called “library provision” of the *USA PATRIOT Act*, to protect the privacy of library patrons. Importantly, the bill would also amend the National Security Letter statute to ensure that the government obtains financial, communication and credit records only of people believed to be terrorists or spies.

As a law librarian, I understand the vital importance of having a strong law that balances the needs of law enforcement with safeguards for our civil liberties. I urge you to vote for H.R. 3845, the *USA Patriot Amendments Act of 2009*, when it reaches the House floor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Questions? Feel free to contact your Government Relations Office staff!

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