Congress of the United States

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HAS YOUR EMAIL BEEN BUGGED? IS SOMEONE MONITORING WHAT WEB SITES YOU VISIT?

Find Out by Attending Congressional Privacy Caucus Briefing

Dear Colleague:

The Congressional Privacy Caucus will be holding a briefing on Thursday, February 26, 2001, from 2:00-3:30 p.m. in Room 138 Dirksen Senate Office Building. The briefing will discuss web bugs, the adverse consequences they present for consumer privacy, and the potential e-commerce benefits of such practices. The Caucus will also discuss e-mail wiretapping and the role of government in protecting consumer privacy on the Internet.

The Caucus will hear from a panel of leading industry experts, including:

- Richard Smith, Chief Technology Officer, Privacy Foundation,
- Christine A. Varney, Counsel to the On-Line Privacy Alliance, former Federal Trade Commissioner,
- Gary Clayton, founder and CEO of the Privacy Council.

Over the past few years, the issue of personal privacy has become a top priority for Americans. The growth of e-commerce and the Internet have renewed fears among Americans about the information collected about them and how that information is used. As Congress moves forward in addressing Internet privacy concerns, the Congressional Privacy Caucus will provide an educational forum to identify, examine, and discuss the many issues regarding personal privacy.

The Caucus would like to invite all Members to participate in this forum, and all staff with an interest in privacy issues to attend this briefing. In addition, all Members are invited to join the Privacy Caucus. If you have any questions about the briefing or if you would like to sign up to become a Member of the Congressional Privacy Caucus, you can contact Ryan Long with Rep. Barton's office (5-2002) or Jeff Duncan with Rep. Markey's office (5-2836).

Sincerely,

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