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Dear Mr. Anderson:

Thank you for contacting me in support of H.R. 3835, a bill intended to restore the Constitution's checks and balances and protections against government abuses as envisioned by the Founding Fathers.

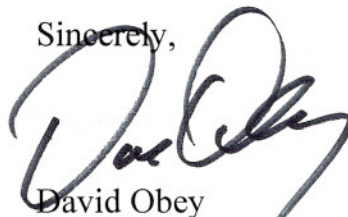
I agree with virtually everything that Congressman Paul is trying to do with this bill. Mr. Paul is the only Republican Presidential candidate with enough guts to speak out against the Administration's unconstitutional activities, including wiretapping without authorization, use of torture, denial of due process, repeal of habeas corpus, and much more.

I wish more Republicans would speak out and I wish the Republican Congress of the past six years had not turned a blind eye to these abuses. Unfortunately, as long as the President can muster the support of one-third of either the House or the Senate from the Republicans in Congress, there is little our slim Democratic majority can do to override a Presidential veto. That means, under the Constitution, any check upon the Administration's abuse of power will have to come from the courts.

With that said, let me give you an update on the bill you mentioned. After being introduced on October 15, 2007, it was referred to several House Committees for further review. Since I am not a member of any of those Committees, I will not have a chance to weigh in directly on the bill unless it is brought to the Floor of the House for a vote. Should that occur, I will be sure to keep our shared views in mind.

Thank you again for taking the time to get in touch.

Sincerely,



David Obey
Your Congressman