

Standard form letter to follow, but I felt that this is a big enough issue to warrant some personal attention. There is a frightening trend in this country right now in writing legislation that allows the trampling of our rights. One of those rights is the right to due process, and another is the right to free speech. Bills like this clearly violate both of these, yet we continue to see them pop up with frightening amounts of political support.

I agree that security is vital to the protection of our country, but I argue that part of the freedoms that we are promised and our troops fight to protect is risk. It is impossible to live in freedom without any risk, because freedom allows free choice, and you can't guarantee the choices of one will not be a risk to the freedoms of another. This country has accepted this for the majority of its history; it is only recently that we have started to look to our government for protection against the freedoms of others. This is a sad choice.

As we limit the freedoms of others because of fear, we limit our own freedoms, effectively spitting on the founding concepts of this country. People didn't settle in this country for a guarantee of safety or security, but for a guarantee of the freedom to live a life unhindered by the tyrannies of an oppressor, be it a government or otherwise. The general populace, however, has grown complacent and apathetic, and so it is up to the few, and to YOU, to ensure those freedoms are protected for us and for our progeny.

Thank you for your time. Form letter follows.