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Mr. Chairman, I thank the gentleman for the time.

I feel a certain irony that we are having this debate today in the aftermath of the final disclosure of the identity of Deep Throat who was part of an effort in the Federal Government to cover up illegal acts at the highest level of American government; and, in fact, Deep Throat was the number two member of the FBI caught up in the internal swirl of politics.

I would suggest that 9/11 was not so much a failure of secret access to our library records and to bookstores; but it was the fact that the FBI did not know how to talk to itself, how to listen to people who actually had information.

We do not need to extend this reach. We have tools available. The problem that we have seen over and over again is that the Federal Government has, in fact, abused the rights of American citizens, including in the FBI.

I would suggest that rather than drag our bookstores and our libraries into this ill-considered issue, that we would be far better off to approve the Sanders amendment, which is a small step towards sanity in this regard.