

114TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4839

To prohibit the Government from requiring any person to assist in devising a method for breaking the encryption of a wire or oral communication.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 22, 2016

Mr. SALMON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Select Committee on Intelligence (Permanent Select), and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Protect Our Devices
5 Act of 2016”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION OF REQUIRING THE BREAKING OF**
2 **ENCRYPTION OF WIRE OR ORAL COMMU-**
3 **NICATIONS.**

4 No officer or entity of the Federal Government shall
5 have any authority to require any person to assist in devis-
6 ing a method for breaking the encryption of a wire or oral
7 communication as such term are defined for the purposes
8 of chapter 119 of title 18, United States Code.

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