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The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Harry Reid
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Democratic Leader
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Republican Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Speaker Boehner and Leaders Reid, Pelosi, and McConnell:

On behalf of the Administration, I am pleased to provide you with the Administration's proposed legislation to reauthorize Title VII of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) enacted by the FISA Amendments Act of 2008 (FAA), for consideration by the Congress. On February 8, Attorney General Holder and I wrote you to urge that the Congress reauthorize Title VII of FISA, which is set to expire at the end of this year. Title VII of FISA allows the Intelligence Community to collect vital information about international terrorists and other important targets overseas while providing robust protection for the civil liberties and privacy of Americans. Reauthorizing this authority is the top legislative priority of the Intelligence Community.

We look forward to working with you to ensure the speedy enactment of legislation reauthorizing these authorities until June 1, 2017. The Office of Management and Budget advises that there is no objection, from the standpoint of the Administration's program, to the presentation of this legislative proposal package for your consideration and the consideration of the Congress at this time.

Sincerely,


James R. Clapper

Enclosure:
FISA Amendments Act of 2008 Extension Act of 2012

cc: The Honorable Mike Rogers
The Honorable C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger
The Honorable Lamar Smith
The Honorable John Conyers Jr.
The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
The Honorable Saxby Chambliss
The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
The Honorable Charles E. Grassley

FISA AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2008 EXTENSION ACT OF 2012

(a) Extension- Section 403(b)(1) of the FISA Amendments Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-261; 50 U.S.C. 1881 note) is amended by striking `December 31, 2012' and inserting `June 1, 2017'.

(b) Technical and Conforming Amendments- Section 403(b)(2) of such Act (Public Law 110-261; 122 Stat. 2474) is amended by striking `December 31, 2012' and inserting `June 1, 2017'.

(c) Orders in Effect- Section 404(b)(1) of such Act (Public Law 110-261; 50 U.S.C. 1801 note) is amended in the heading by striking `December 31, 2012' and inserting `June 1, 2017'.

Sectional Analysis:

This section extends the sunset for Title VII of FISA, as added by the FISA Amendments Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-261), now scheduled to occur on December 31, 2012, to June 1, 2017. Title VII of FISA allows the Intelligence Community to collect vital information about international terrorist and other important targets overseas. Reauthorizing this authority is the top legislative priority of the Intelligence Community.