

Fairfax County Democratic Committee  
National Affairs Standing Committee

**RESOLUTION AGAINST WARRANTLESS ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE ON AMERICANS**

**WHEREAS**, while the Fairfax County Democratic Committee supports all legal and constitutional means to protect our homeland in the post 9-11 attacks era, we join with other concerned Virginians and Americans to assert that the Bush administration's warrantless secret electronic surveillance of Americans is illegal, violates checks and balances embodied in the Constitution, and violates Fourth Amendment constitutional rights for all Americans against illegal search and seizure; and

**WHEREAS**, the Congress must assert, not abdicate, its role in securing the system of Constitutional checks and balances so important to maintaining our liberties, and must be willing to recognize that President Bush's order for warrantless technical spying constitutes a potentially impeachable offense; and

**WHEREAS**, the reality that the war against terrorism may continue for decades obliges Congress to ever-more vigilantly protect those liberties guaranteed to all Americans by our Constitution and our laws, and Congress must never permit a US President to break those laws;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fairfax County Democratic Committee calls upon our elected senators and representatives to challenge President Bush's potentially impeachable warrantless spying program on Americans by demanding:

- That the Senate Judiciary Committee continue its public hearings -- with its counterpart in the House of Representatives -- on criminal and constitutional issues raised by the Bush administration's warrantless wiretapping, specifically concentrating on legislation that would amend the Foreign Intelligence Security Act (FISA), if needed;
- That, in concert with the above, both Houses of Congress continue to pressure the Bush administration to brief fully their respective intelligence committees about the current warrantless program and that both Houses develop a joint oversight process to monitor future executive branch activities in the conduct of surveillance on Americans both internationally and domestically;
- That to aid the Congress, the FISA Court should review the Bush administration's warrantless technical surveillance program and offer proposals for overall program reform and internal Court adjustments, if needed;
- That a Special Prosecutor should be appointed to investigate any violations of the civil rights of Americans identified in the Fourth Amendment prohibitions against illegal search and seizure posed by the Bush administration's warrantless wiretapping;
- That the Congress take immediate steps to improve existing whistle-blower protections for members of the executive branch who report evidence of illegal surveillance of Americans; and
- That the Congress take immediate steps to block any telecommunications company or organization from providing information about individual American's private communications without a proper warrant.