



## What's next for Justin Amash and NSA surveillance?

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Rep. Justin Amash, R-Mich., is not giving up in his fight against the National Security Agency collecting metadata and phone records on Americans who are not suspected of terrorist ties.

Amash and Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., introduced a bill on June 17 — the Libert-E Act — that would prevent the NSA from collecting such information. The bill is essentially the Amash amendment that was narrowly defeated in the House on July 24 by a vote of 217-205.

Amash, speaking at the libertarian-leaning Cato Institute, said that he thinks the Libert-E Act will survive a vote in the House Judiciary Committee where it currently resides.

"If you look at the Judiciary Committee members who voted on my amendment, they overwhelmingly supported the amendment, and I know that chairman [Bob] Goodlatte [R-Va.] is committed to bringing some great legislation through Judiciary, which would include the Libert-E Act amongst it," Amash said.