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IN SUPPORT OF  
“WRITERS AGAINST MASS SURVEILLANCE”

For two centuries citizens, societies, civilizations have struggled to establish binding declarations of rights, bills of rights, and charters of rights.

In a single decade governments around the world have now broken these rules - broken the law - through the unbridled use of new technology. They have penetrated the lives of citizens and obscured the work of governments.

This is a great reversal of the principles of citizens' rights. It is a great danger to all of us.

The grassroots appeal launched today, much of it coming from PEN members and inspired by our Digital Declaration (http://www.pen-international.org/pen-declaration-on-digital-freedom/declaration-on-digital-freedom-english/), is an essential step towards taking back citizens' rights and re-establishing the rules that those put in positions of authority by citizens must follow.

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