Senator Heller has advocated for greater transparency throughout government surveillance programs and has been the lead Republican in the fight to increase transparency in programs that have many Americans suspicious. Last year he joined Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT) to stop the National Security Agency (NSA) from using the practice of bulk collection to obtain telephone records of millions of Americans. The bill, the [USA Freedom Act (S.1599)](http://www.heller.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/pressreleases?ID=1a5d64f5-7e3c-4cd4-9cfd-63e2a915384e), was introduced in both chambers of Congress and puts a stop to the massive intrusion on Americans’ privacy by ending bulk data collection practices permitted under Section 215 of the PATRIOT Act.