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Hello, members of SECU!

I was glad to hear that the majority Liberals have now agreed to make changes to Bill C-22, which I learned from the "Don't Surveil Me" website is a retread of the Stephen Harper era Bill C-30 (2012), which was withdrawn after public backlash.

I understand that tech companies and privacy experts are united in vehement agreement that Bill C-22 is bad legislation that authorizes bad regulations and orders. I also see that Jenny Kwan's petition against C-22 is up over 8000 signatures! It'd be cool if the majority Liberals would listen when they're being told by experts and regular Canadians alike that something is a bad idea.

My request as a Canadian is: could you please, as a general principle for a democratic government, not choose the path of more surveillance, more secrecy, more punishment, and greater integration with authoritarians? It's not what I want from my government. It's not even safety! I'm quite certain this point has been made to you in clear language with evidence in support.

I assume that the government's agreement to amend the bill means it will have to come back in the fall session, given how long it takes to draft legislation that Canadians will agree is compliant with their Charter right to privacy.

Shout out in particular to Minister Anandasangaree, a former "internationally recognized human rights lawyer and long-time community activist," who ought to know better than implementing this agenda, and to Minister Fraser, who is choosing to spend his finite time on a burning planet building *this* future for his kids (<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/sean-fraser-leaving-cabinet-1.7411260>).

Please do better for all of us.

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