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Dear Senator Joe Knollenberg,

We are sophomores at Royal Oak High School. Our names are Heather Gehringer and Alison Youngquist. We are writing you to talk about your view on the Patriot Act, and how you are willing to invade our privacy to protect our country from terrorist's.

With today's War on Terrorism the government has kick itself into high gear on protecting our country. We are for protecting our country but we feel that you as part of the U.S. Government have stepped over the line of protecting our country and invading our privacy.

You voted yes on making the Patriot Act permanent, which means you are allowing the FBI to take library records of people that have taken certain books out. How do you know that they took it out because they are "terrorist"? Granted it looks bad if they are taking a book out on bombs, but who say's it's because their a terrorist? You? The President? The FBI? What if their not a terrorist? Their self image is ruined. Maybe the people that in control of what is going on don't look at that. But it will effect us more then you. Those people that are accused will always be labeled a terrorist. No matter what you or anyone else say's. It also says that you can put a wiretap on people's phones. How do we know if the people that doing the wiretapping are using it for the right reasons? How do you know that those people that your listening to on the phone are terrorist? What type of evidence do you have? Maybe they just have family in the Middle East, and no connections to terrorists. Just because they are calling over there doesn't make them a terrorist.

We hope you take the time to think about what we have told you. We also hope that you would write back to us with your thoughts.

Concerned Citizens,

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