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## ITAC to voice concerns over proposed changes to current legislation regarding acceptable use and proper oversight of law enforcement access to citizens subscriber and personal information

There is no doubt that, along with a myriad of benefits, technology has created new platforms for criminal activity. The ICT sector has come up with some incredible tools that result in law enforcement approaches to investigation and prevention easier. However, it is critical that governments ensure that any changes to law enforcement powers do not undermine Canada's innovation economy or the privacy and fundamental freedom of Canadians.

On February 21, ITAC Vice President, Government Relations and Policy appeared before the Standing Committee on Families and Communities on behalf of its membership and the Canadian ICT industry to reiterate these points.

The purpose of the appearance was to ensure that the government seek insight and consensus from the Canada's ICT sector on the acceptable use and oversight of access to personal information, if they are considering making changes to the current legislation already in place. The industry believes that the legislation in its current form, is functional, and that this statute is working for the industry, for consumers and for law enforcement.

The reality is that in today's environment, many ICT service providers find themselves in the undesirable position as intermediary between the consumers of their products and law enforcement and national security agencies. When provided with a judicial order, industry has the legal clarity they require and members are quick to comply and provide the required information to law enforcement.

However, if there are changes proposed that would increase costs to respond to access requests, there is a concern amongst the industry of governments offloading costs on to the telecommunications or Internet Service provider and indirectly to consumers is not an acceptable course of conduct.

The transcript of the appearance is available [here](#).