

RON WYDEN  
OREGON

RANKING MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON  
FINANCE

221 DIRKSEN SENATE OFFICE BUILDING  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510  
(202) 224-5244

United States Senate  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-3703

COMMITTEES:

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
COMMITTEE ON BUDGET  
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES  
SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE  
JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

November 29, 2018

The Honorable Roy Blunt  
Chairman  
Committee on Rules and Administration  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Amy Klobuchar  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Rules and Administration  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Blunt and Ranking Member Klobuchar:

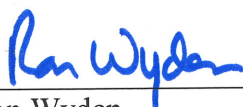
I write to thank you for your recent efforts to secure Senate data by directing the Senate Sergeant at Arms (SAA) to encrypt data stored on Senate computers.

As you know, I urged both of you this past summer to take action—in your capacity as Chair and Ranking Member, respectively, of the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration—to secure data on Senate computers. In October, 2018, in response to my request, the Committee directed the SAA to encrypt data on Senate computers.

I applaud these efforts as this new common-sense cybersecurity policy will better protect sensitive Senate data from those who might wish to compromise it. This new policy will make it much harder for any would-be spy or criminal who steals a Senate computer to access Senate data. This is particularly important for laptops, which are more vulnerable to foreign government surveillance when Senate staff take them home or on work-related travel.

I have long promoted the benefits of strong encryption technology, which can help to secure our nation from advanced cyber threats. As such, I sincerely appreciate your leadership and look forward to continued collaboration with you to further improve the Senate's cybersecurity.

Sincerely,



Ron Wyden  
United States Senator

911 NE 11TH AVENUE  
SUITE 630  
PORTLAND, OR 97232  
(503) 326-7525

405 EAST 8TH AVE  
SUITE 2020  
EUGENE, OR 97401  
(541) 431-0229

SAC ANNEX BUILDING  
105 FIR ST  
SUITE 201  
LA GRANDE, OR 97850  
(541) 962-7691

U.S. COURTHOUSE  
310 WEST 6TH ST  
ROOM 118  
MEDFORD, OR 97501  
(541) 858-5122

THE JAMISON BUILDING  
131 NW HAWTHORNE AVE  
SUITE 107  
BEND, OR 97701  
(541) 330-9142

707 13TH ST, SE  
SUITE 285  
SALEM, OR 97301  
(503) 589-4555

[HTTP://WYDEN.SENATE.GOV](http://wyden.senate.gov)

PRINTED ON RECYCLED PAPER