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In an amicus brief, EPIC urged the SUPREME COURT to protect the privacy of text messages. EPIC emphasized the growing importance of mobile devices and the need to update Constitutional safeguards.

Thirty members of the EPIC Advisory Board recommended that SECRETARY OF STATE HILLARY CLINTON move forward with an international convention on privacy protection.

In comments to both the FTC and the White House, EPIC has urged the federal government to establish privacy safeguards for users of CLOUD-BASED government services.

EPIC filed a brief and appeared in federal court in the GOOGLE BOOK SETTLEMENT case to argue for the privacy rights of users of the service. The case is still pending.

EPIC submitted comprehensive privacy recommendations for SMART GRID ELECTRICITY SERVICES to the National Institute of Standards and Technology, the Office of Science and Technology Policy, and the California Public Utility Commission.

In a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit, EPIC is seeking documents detailing the legal authority for the National Security Agency to conduct domestic surveillance. EPIC has warned that the NSA’s cyber security mission may violate US WIRETAP LAWS.

EPIC continued to maintain two of the most popular privacy web sites in the world—www.epic.org and www.privacy.org—and EPIC has an active presence on FACEBOOK and TWITTER.