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**EPIC is on the front lines of the most important civil liberties issues of our age.**  
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▶ EPIC and other leading consumer and privacy organizations filed a series of complaints at the Federal Trade Commission to help establish stronger privacy protections for **FACEBOOK** users.

▶ As a result of a FOIA lawsuit, EPIC obtained the technical specifications and vendor contracts for airport **BODY SCANNERS**. This led to a Congressional investigation and hearings. EPIC has recommended that the program be suspended.

▶ 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](http://www.epic.org) and [www.privacy.org](http://www.privacy.org)—and EPIC has an active presence on **FACEBOOK** and **TWITTER**.

# epic in the news

▶ In several formal comments, EPIC urged federal agencies not to exempt themselves from the obligations of the **FEDERAL PRIVACY ACT**.

▶ In conjunction with the annual meeting of the data protection and privacy commissioners, EPIC organized the conference "The Public Voice: Global Privacy Standards for a Global World." Civil society groups and privacy experts released "THE MADRID DECLARATION."

▶ In Congressional testimony, EPIC urged lawmakers to extend privacy safeguards in the **CHILDREN'S ONLINE PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT**. The testimony followed an EPIC complaint to the Federal Trade Commission and EPIC FOIA lawsuit in which EPIC uncovered evidence that companies were surreptitiously gathering data on young children for tracking and marketing.

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