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I understand that by requiring a master key to our personal communications, the government is creating the very real potential for hackers and thieves or even rogue government agents to access our personal communications. Past efforts to provide this sort of backdoor access have not been successful and only created a rich opportunity for hackers.

Once again, I urge you to oppose the dangerous suggestion of the Department of Justice that our new Internet communication technologies should have built-in wiretapping.

I look forward to hearing your thoughts on this matter.

Sincerely,

angela decker