

## S 2074

### PRESS Act

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Science, Technology, Communications

**Introduced:** Jun 21, 2023

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Jun 21, 2023)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/2074>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** OR • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Jun 21, 2023
Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT]	R · UT		Jun 21, 2023
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		Sep 5, 2023

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 21, 2023

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 4250	Identical bill	<b>Jan 22, 2024:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## **Protect Reporters from Exploitative State Spying Act or the PRESS Act**

This bill prohibits the federal government from compelling journalists and providers of telecommunications services (e.g., phone and internet companies) to disclose certain protected information, except in limited circumstances such as to prevent terrorism or imminent violence.

Specifically, the bill protects from disclosure any information identifying a source, as well as any records, contents of a communication, documents, or information obtained or created by journalists in the course of their work.

Further, the bill protects specified third parties, such as telecommunications carriers or social media companies, from being compelled to provide testimony or any document consisting of a record, information, or other communication that is stored by the third party on behalf of a journalist.

## **Actions Timeline**

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