

Sen. Ron Wyden calls for surveillance policy shift

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U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden is calling for a shift in surveillance policy.

In a speech delivered Friday at a Portland, Oregon, tech conference, the Oregon Democrat said surveillance agencies are able to use outdated court decisions to justify intercepting information that is private.

The [government](#) has long been able to examine records that go through a third party, like a phone call or bank transfer, without the onerous process of obtaining a search warrant. That communication is labeled as a business record.

But Wyden says the government needs to treat those communications more like paper correspondence, which has more protections.

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