

Letter to Your Member of Parliament

Bill C-22, the Canada–US CLOUD Act agreement, and Canadian medical privacy. Fill in the bracketed fields, edit any paragraph in your own voice, and send by mail or email. Find your MP at ourcommons.ca/Members/en/search.

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[The Honourable / Mr. / Ms. Full Name, MP]

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House of Commons

Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Re: Bill C-22, the proposed Canada–US CLOUD Act agreement, and the sovereignty of Canadian medical records

Dear *[MP surname]*,

I am a constituent in *[riding]*, and I am writing to ask you, on the record, to oppose the current direction of federal policy on Canadian health information and electronic surveillance. I do not consent to what is being built, and I would like my opposition counted.

Three concrete concerns, briefly:

1. **Bill C-22 (Lawful Access).** The bill mandates one year of metadata retention by electronic service providers and requires intercept-capable infrastructure on demand, with secrecy provisions attached. As drafted, the definition of "electronic service provider" is wide enough to capture clinics that run patient portals, telehealth platforms, and pharmacy apps. The accompanying

Charter Statement does not address the regime at all. I am asking you to oppose the bill in its current form and, at minimum, to demand a narrowed definition that excludes regulated health providers and a published Charter analysis of the retention and intercept obligations.

2. **The Canada–US CLOUD Act agreement.** A bilateral data-sharing arrangement that allows American police to demand personal data from Canadian providers without Canadian judicial oversight is incompatible with the protections Canadians believe attach to their medical records. I am asking you to oppose the agreement as currently negotiated and to publicly support a requirement that any cross-border production order be reviewed by a Canadian court before execution.
3. **PIPEDA and cross-border health data.** The "comparable protection" standard for cross-border transfers is, in practice, an administrative formality. It permits the transfer and leaves the legal authority of the receiving country untouched. I am asking you to support amendments that treat US-hosted clinical infrastructure as presumptively non-compliant for sensitive health information, following the position Alberta Health Services has already taken under section 60.1 of Alberta's Health Information Act.

I would like a written response indicating your position on each of the three items above, and how you intend to vote on Bill C-22 at second and third reading.

The Genetic Non-Discrimination Act exists because Canadians wrote to their MPs and demanded it. The same lever is available now. I am asking you to use it.

Sincerely,

[Your signature, if printed]

[Your printed name]

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