



U.S. Senator Ron Wyden, D-Oregon

Senator Ron Wyden believes the nation's biggest challenges can only be solved by what he calls "principled bipartisanship," solutions that allow all parties to reach agreements while staying true to their principles. As Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Finance, following that approach has helped him author more than 150 bipartisan bills on issues including health care, technology and tax reform. And as one of the Senate's foremost defenders of Americans' rights and civil liberties, he's fought back against government overreach by both Republican and Democratic administrations.

Wyden began his work in public service founding the Oregon chapter of the Grey Panthers, an advocacy group for the elderly. He served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1981 until his election to the U.S. Senate in 1996. He has been routinely recognized for his commitment to an open government, having authored the "Stand By Your Ad" law, and he has won countless awards for his pioneering role in establishing a free and open Internet. And two years before The Guardian and Washington Post revealed the government's mass surveillance program in 2013, Wyden sounded the alarm and warned Americans that the government was abusing the Patriot Act, before working to successfully end that mass surveillance dragnet in 2015.