5. If elected, would the candidate support or oppose H. R. 2818, the [Surveillance State Repeal Act](http://beta.congress.gov/bill/113th/house-bill/2818), proposed by Rep. Rush Holt (D-PA)?

**It is critical that Congress and the Obama Administration revisit our surveillance methods with the intent of preserving the privacy rights of Americans.**

**This past September 11th, I sat with families who lost loved ones on that horrible day in 2001. I believe that keeping our country safe from another terrorist attack is paramount, but should not and does not have to happen at the expense of our privacy rights.**

*NOTE FROM DIGITAL FOURTH:*

*This response is hard to parse. It is not an explicit statement of support. Sheriff Koutoujian argues that “keeping our country safe” is paramount – more important than anything else – but that we can keep our country safe without sacrificing our privacy. We leave to our readers to determine how that analysis relates to whether the PATRIOT ACT and FISA Amendments Act should be repealed as this bill suggests, and code this as “No explicit position.”*