## Media Advisory

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## United Kingdom The Regulation of Investigatory Powers Bill

Amnesty International is concerned that the draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers Bill, currently before the House of Lords, fails to provide sufficient safeguards in the protection of human rights.

In an open letter, the organization called on the House of Lords to amend the legislation. It must incorporate effective human rights safeguards. These include judicial supervision of, or authorisation of, interception and surveillance operations, to protect people's fundamental rights to life, liberty, freedom of expression, fair trial, freedom of association and privacy.

For a copy of the open letter which details the organization's concerns, please visit our website www.amnesty.org or phone Amnesty International's press office on +44 20 7413 5566.

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