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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

January 6, 2016

Mr. Jeffries (for himself and Mr. Collins of Georgia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Effective Assistance of Counsel in
the Digital Era Act of 2016".

SEC. 2. PRISONER COMMUNICATIONS THAT ARE SUBJECT TO ATTORNEY-CLIENT
PRIVILEGE.

(a) In General.--Except as provided in subsection (b) it shall be
unlawful for any person acting under the authority of the United States
to monitor any electronic communication (as defined in section 2510 of
title 18, United States Code) to which a prisoner in a Bureau of
Prisons correctional facility is a party, if that communication would
be subject to attorney-client privilege were the prisoner not
incarcerated.

(b) Exception.--Subsection (a) does not apply to a communication
the Attorney General has reason to believe poses a threat to national
security.

(c) Rules by Attorney General.--The Attorney General shall
prescribe rules to carry out this section.

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