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Mr. Larry Page  
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Dear Mr. Page:

I write to urge Google, Inc., to accept the invitation of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Privacy, Technology and the Law, to appear at the Subcommittee's May 10, 2011, hearing on "*Protecting Mobile Privacy: Your Smartphones, Tablets, Cell Phones and Your Privacy.*" Like many Americans, I read with deep concern recent press reports indicating that smartphones powered by Google's Android software (Android Phone) collect, store and track user location data without the user's consent. As Congress considers updates to the Electronic Communications Privacy Act and other Federal privacy laws, it is essential that the Senate Judiciary Committee have full and accurate information about the privacy risks posed by this new technology.

The collection and storage of sensitive location information has serious implications regarding the privacy rights and personal safety of American consumers. While there are many benefits to innovative technologies like the Android Phone, American consumers deserve to know the potential risks that these new technologies pose to their privacy and security. The upcoming hearing on this important issue provides a timely opportunity for Google, Inc., to directly address these pressing privacy issues.

I trust that you will carefully consider the invitation to testify. I look forward to your prompt response to this letter.

Sincerely,

  
PATRICK LEAHY  
CHAIRMAN