

Some claim that the Protect IP Act is “noncontroversial”.

They’re not getting the message.

The Protect IP Act “will stifle investment in internet services, throttle innovation, and hurt American competitiveness.”

53 Venture Capitalists, from 40 firms, managing \$13 billion dollars, in a Letter to Congress - 6/23/11

The Protect IP Act “has grave constitutional infirmities, potentially dangerous consequences for the stability and security of the Internet’s addressing system, and will undermine United States foreign policy and strong support of free expression on the Internet around the world.”

108 Legal Scholars & Law Professors, in a Letter to Congress - 7/5/11

“DNS filtering provisions found in the Protect IP Act raise very serious security and technical concerns.”

Computer Scientists & Internet Engineers, in a Letter to Congress - 6/23/11

“[The Act’s] definition of wrongdoing is broad and could be abused by companies seeking to use the law to quickly hinder Web sites.”

The New York Times, Editorial - 6/9/11

“[By] encouraging Web consumers to use foreign or underground servers, the measure could undermine efforts to create a more reliable and fraud-resistant domain-name system.”

The Los Angeles Times, Editorial - 6/7/11

“The bill’s private right of action will no doubt be used by many rights-holders in ways that create significant burdens on legitimate online commerce services... Why should costs be shifted to innocent Internet entrepreneurs, most of whom have budgets smaller than the Department of Justice’s?”

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America’s IP policy must target bad actors while preserving freedom of speech, protecting innovation, and providing for due process.
Let’s work together on an approach we all can support.



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