

States Fight Back Against NSA: Can US States Rein In An Out-Of-Control Federal Spy Agency?

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The American people [aren't falling](#) for NSA's propaganda. They want the rogue agency [reined in](#).

But [Obama refuses](#) to rein in the NSA, Dianne Feinstein says that Congress "[doesn't have the votes](#)" to do anything about mass surveillance, and at least [some judges](#) are supporting the NSA's spying (and it's not clear what the Supreme Court will do).

But states are trying to fight back ...

Legislation has been introduced in 10 states (and counting) proposing one or both of the following:

- (1) Cutting off water, electricity or other resources to NSA facilities within the state
- (2) Prohibiting the state's cooperation with the NSA; for example, sharing data about its citizens, or university research support for NSA

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While this may sound to some like a [Republican approach](#), Democrats who support the NSA will be [vulnerable next election](#), and progressives need to re-claim freedom from mass surveillance as a core issue:

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