

# Policy Resources & References

## Foundational documents and legislative frameworks

### Help Us Expand Our Research

If you are aware of additional primary documents, policy briefs, stakeholder statements, or expert analyses regarding Bill C-22 that are not listed here, please share them with us using our [Research Submission Form](#).

## 1 Foundational Legislation

- [Parliament of Canada: Bill C-22 - Lawful Access Act, 2026](#)
  - *Official legislative database tracking the progress of the bill, amendments, and votes.* (Date Added: 2026-05-22)

## 2 Government & Department Briefs

- [Department of Justice Canada: Legislative Backgrounder](#)
  - *Detailed government document outlining the necessity of lawful access modernization and compliance with the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.* (Date Added: 2026-05-21)
- [Public Safety Canada: Digital Lawful Access Consultation Paper](#)
  - *Ministry report detailing current technological challenges faced by national security and municipal law enforcement agencies.* (Date Added: 2026-05-21)

### 3 Stakeholder Reports & Civic Positions

- **Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada: Submission on Bill C-22**
  - *Submission raising privacy, encryption, and oversight concerns regarding subscriber data collection and metadata retention.* (Date Added: 2026-05-21)
- **Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA): Overreach Concerns on the Lawful Access Act**
  - *Civil rights analysis on the impact of Part 2 of the bill regarding service provider surveillance requirements and citizen privacy rights.* (Date Added: 2026-05-21)
- **Dr. Michael Geist: Critique on the Government’s Use Cases and Overreach**
  - *Analysis examining how government-presented use cases fail to justify the broad metadata retention and technical mandates in Bill C-22, arguing they represent a disproportionate overreach.* (Date Added: 2026-05-21)
- **Global News: Metadata Retention and Privacy Risks Explained**
  - *Analysis of the proposed one-year metadata retention provisions in Bill C-22, public safety arguments, and constitutional Section 8 risks.* (Date Added: 2026-05-22)
- **Global News: Tech Companies Threaten Exit Over Lawful Access Mandates**
  - *Details how NordVPN, Windscribe, and Signal have warned they could pull services or relocate corporate headquarters out of Canada rather than compromise encryption or no-logs policies.* (Date Added: 2026-05-22)
- **Dr. Michael Geist: Tech Exodus - SAAIA’s Privacy and Security Risks**
  - *Detailed analysis of how the Supporting Authorized Access to Information Act (SAAIA) mandates outlier metadata retention and compelled backdoors, threatening the tech sector.* (Date Added: 2026-05-22)
- **OpenMedia Canada: Save Our Encryption Campaign**
  - *Public advocacy response highlighting potential risks to end-to-end encryption and the introduction of security backdoors.* (Date Added: 2026-05-21)
- **Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedoms (JCCF): Canadians Call on Parliament to Stop Bill C-22**
  - *Announcement of a national petition signed by 42,344 Canadians opposing the surveillance mandates, data retention obligations, and compelled encryption-bypass capabilities under Bill C-22.* (Date Added: 2026-05-24)
- **Google Canada: Submission to the Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security Regarding Bill C-22**

- *Submission to the SECU committee detailing major technical objections to capability mandates, secret Ministerial Orders, weak systemic vulnerability safeguards, and blanket metadata retention, along with proposed legislative amendments. (Date Added: 2026-05-26)*

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