



Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board

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PRIVACY AND CIVIL LIBERTIES OVERSIGHT BOARD WELCOMES SENATE CONFIRMATION OF NEW MEMBERS

WASHINGTON, DC- The Senate has confirmed the nominations of Aditya Bamzai and Travis LeBlanc to serve as Members of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board. With these confirmations, the independent, bipartisan Board will have a full slate of Members for the first time since 2016. The Senate also confirmed the re-nomination of Board Member Edward Felten to a new six-year term.

Chairman Adam Klein, along with Board Members Jane Nitze and Ed Felten, have released the following statement:

“We congratulate our newly confirmed future colleagues and are pleased that the Board will have a full, bipartisan complement of five Members. A full slate of Members will enable the Board to best execute its mission of ensuring the balance between protecting our nation from terrorism and safeguarding privacy and civil liberties.”

“The Board’s existing oversight projects, including our examination of the NSA’s collection of call detail records under the USA Freedom Act and our review of the use of facial recognition in aviation security, will benefit from the energy and perspectives that incoming Members Bamzai and LeBlanc will bring to the Board’s work.”

“We are grateful to the White House for these nominations and the Senate for its consideration of the nominees. We look forward to working with our new colleagues.”

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The Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board is an independent agency within the Executive Branch established by the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007. The Board’s mission is to ensure that the federal government’s efforts to prevent terrorism are balanced with the need to protect privacy and civil liberties. The Board’s current Members are Chairman Adam I. Klein and Board Members Jane E. Nitze and Edward W. Felten.