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As a consumer and a technology user, I am concerned about recent revelations regarding the Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement (ACTA) being negotiated by the Government of Canada. Please open up this agreement to the public oversight it needs.

Instead of targeting counterfeit products and coordinating the practices of national customs agencies as originally announced, leaked documents indicate that ACTA includes provisions that increase Internet intermediary liability, regulate access to the Internet and significantly affect the rights of all Canadian citizens. I am worried that ACTA will threaten the carefully crafted balance of Canadian copyright law that protects citizens' freedom of expression and has been key to the success of the Canadian technology industry.

Please ensure that the ACTA negotiation text is made public in the interests of balanced policymaking, to ensure that Canadian negotiators take account of the interests of the Internet users, technology companies and innovators that are so vital to this country's future.

Thank you for your consideration.

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