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The USA PATRIOT Act was signed into law by President George W. Bush on **October 26, 2001**. Enacted in response to the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, the legislation was designed to strengthen national security by expanding the surveillance and investigative authority of law enforcement agencies. Mass.gov +4

Key details regarding the signing of the Act include:

- **Full Name:** Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001.
- **Purpose:** To enhance law enforcement's ability to detect and prevent terrorism, including provisions for, for example, [wiretaps](#), sneak-and-peek warrants, and money laundering investigations.
- **Legislative Speed:** The bill was introduced quickly after 9/11 and passed with little debate, lacking traditional legislative history.
- **Reauthorization:** The Act was later reauthorized and modified, with a significant reauthorization signed on March 9, 2006. Electronic Frontier Foundation +5

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