

Washington, D.C.—Representative David Price (NC-04) released the following statement today reiterating his opposition to H.R. 3261, the proposed Stop Online Piracy Act. Several large websites, including Wikipedia and Google, have launched advocacy campaigns against the bill today on the grounds that it gives the government too much power to shut down websites accused of violating copyright laws. Rep. Price announced his opposition to the bill on [Twitter](#) several weeks ago.

"I am opposed to the proposed SOPA bill. I believe that intellectual property must be protected, but not at the expense of the open internet.

"At its best government is an engaged and responsive instrument of our common purpose, so I have been greatly encouraged by the success advocates have had making their voices heard. Today's 'black-out' campaigns by Google, Wikipedia and other major websites echo the voices of the many constituents I've heard from in phone calls, emails and on social media expressing their opposition to this proposal."

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