

# Why We're Protesting

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Apple has said it's going to install photo and message scanning software in every device. Governments have been asking for years for a way around Apple's encryption, and now Apple has caved to the pressure. This puts our privacy and security at risk.

## What's at stake:

Apple's proposed features will be a backdoor into our devices that governments around the world will use as an excuse to expand surveillance and censorship. These changes are the first steps toward ending truly secure messaging for Apple's users.

## What's happened so far:

Last week, we delivered petitions with 60,000 signatures to Apple. Users have spoken up loudly and said NO to Apple's plan to scan our phones in the name of child safety. This uprising of users is supported by civil society groups around the world, including ACLU, EFF, Fight for the Future, and the Center for Democracy & Technology.

**We are winning.** As a result of this activism, Apple has agreed to delay its surveillance plan. Now it's time for Apple to commit and do the right thing. Apple needs to listen to its customers, to researchers, to human rights activists, to LGBTQ people, and to youth representatives. We are speaking with one voice and asking Apple to abandon its phone scanning tools.

In 2016, Apple defended privacy and security in the face of irresponsible government demands. Whether you're a longtime fan of Apple's products or you've never used an iPhone in your life, we must hold companies accountable for the promises they make. **Apple has made the right choice in the past, and it must do so again.**

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