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EFF Ad in Wired: Tech Community Must Secure Networks Against Trump Administration

President-Elect Threatens Free and Open Internet

San Francisco – In a full-page advertisement in Wired magazine, the Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) has a warning for the technology community: "Your threat model just changed."

EFF's open letter calls on technologists to secure computer networks against overreaches by the upcoming Trump administration and to protect a free, secure, and open Internet. The January issue of Wired with EFF's open letter on page 63 hit newsstands today.

"Our goal is to rally everyone who makes digital tools and services to this important cause: protect your technology and networks from censorship and government surveillance," said EFF Activism Director Rainey Reitman. "The Internet was created to connect and empower people around the world. We cannot let it be conscripted into a tool of oppression. But if we are going to protect the Internet, we need a lot of help. Wired has been looking to the technological future for over two decades, and its readers have the skills we need."

EFF's open letter outlines four major ways the technology community can help: using encryption for every user transaction; practicing routine deletion of data logs; revealing publicly any government request to improperly monitor users or censor speech; and joining the fight for user rights in court, in Congress, and beyond.

"EFF has fought for the rights of creators and users since 1990—through four presidential administrations," said EFF Executive Director Cindy Cohn. "We've battled privacy invasions, censorship attempts, and power grabs from Democrats and Republicans alike. Now, President-Elect Trump has promised to increase surveillance, undermine security, and suppress the freedom of the press. But he needs your servers to do this. Join us in securing civil liberties in the digital world, before it's too late."

For the full ad in Wired:
https://www.eff.org/pages/eff-ad-wired

For more on how the tech community can defend users: