

Tech Giants Back Microsoft in Overseas E-Mail Fight



Ten groups of top technology, media and business organizations on Dec. 15 filed legal briefs in support of Microsoft's argument to a federal appeals court that the U.S. government cannot issue a search warrant to obtain customers' e-mails held in another country, reports *The Washington Post*.

The unusually high number of friend-of-the-court briefs and the breadth of groups that signed on reflect how significant the issue of privacy in the digital age is to U.S. industry.

Apple, Amazon and HP, as well as news organizations from across the political spectrum like CNN, Fox News, NPR and *The Guardian*, have all signed amicus briefs supporting Microsoft's fight to keep its users' emails away from the U.S. government.

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