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This proposed extension of the information collection under DFARS 252.204-7017 and 252.204-7018 expands government-compelled disclosure and continuous reporting by private businesses. It forces companies to monitor their own supply chains and technology choices and feed that information to the Department of Defense as a condition of obtaining or retaining contracts. I oppose the extension on liberty and privacy grounds.

Specific harms:

The requirement converts private commercial decisions about telecommunications equipment into mandatory, ongoing government reporting. Contractors must actively police their own systems and suppliers and then notify DoD when covered equipment appears. This is compelled speech and continuous self-surveillance imposed by the state.

“Required to obtain or retain benefits” makes the collection coercive. Businesses that refuse the representation or reporting lose access to DoD work. The government uses its purchasing power to force private entities to maintain internal monitoring and disclosure regimes.

The collection creates a permanent data flow from private firms to the government about their technology stacks and commercial relationships. Once established, such reporting pipelines rarely shrink; they become infrastructure for further control.

National-security language is used to justify expanding the compliance state into ordinary commercial activity. Private companies are conscripted as agents that must continuously observe and report on themselves and their vendors.

Extending the collection for another three years locks in this forced-disclosure structure without any meaningful reduction in scope or burden.

Demands:

Reject the proposed extension. If any collection is retained, sharply limit it to one-time representations at award with no ongoing reporting obligation during performance, impose strict data-destruction timelines, and prohibit secondary use of the reported information for any purpose beyond the immediate procurement

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decision.
Free people and free enterprises do not accept permanent government-mandated self-monitoring and disclosure as the price of doing business with the state. This collection should not be extended.

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