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## Lawmaker opposition to SOPA grows

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While the Stop Online Piracy Act has a lot of bipartisan support, it's also garnered quite a bit of lawmaker opposition — particularly from California politicians, who are joining Silicon Valley opposition to the bill.

Minority Leader Sen. Nancy Pelosi (D- Calif.) said Thursday on Twitter that Congress needs to “find a better solution” than SOPA, adding the hashtag “#DontBreakTheInternet.”

Earlier this week, Reps. Anna Eshoo (D), Doris Matsui (D), Mike Thompson (D), John Campbell (R), Zoe Lofgren (D), Mike Honda (D) and George Miller (D) all signed a letter to the House Judiciary Committee outlining their opposition. Reps. Jared Polis (D-Colo.), Ron Paul (R-Texas) and Lloyd Doggett (D-Texas) and Mike Doyle (D- Penn.), also signed the letter.

While the representatives agree with the spirit of the bill, they said “SOPA as written, however, is overly broad and would cause serious and long term damage to the technology industry, one of the few bright spots in our economy.”

Rep. Darrell Issa, (R- Calif.) has also spoken out against the act, telling The Hill that its supporters don't understand the impact it will have on technology companies such as Google, which was particularly singled out in yesterday's hearing on sites that allow online piracy. Those who oppose the bill, Issa said, are realizing that there are “so many unintended consequences that they can't just use Google as a piñata and bash on it here.”

