

Transitioning from "invasions of privacy" to "assaults on freedom"

On February 03, 2012, Our Congressman voted for H.R.658, FAA Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2011 ([House Roll Call #33](#)). This bill has sparked nationwide outrage because it actually allows government agencies across the U.S. to fly aerial drones domestically. One article entitled " [Drones over U.S. get OK by Congress](#) " made the following observation:

The [FAA] projects that 30,000 drones could be in the nation's skies by 2020. The highest-profile use of drones by the United States has been in the CIA's armed Predator-drone program, which targets al Qaeda terrorist leaders.

Aside from concerns that this bill violates the [Posse Comitatus Act](#) , which prohibits military operations within the United States, there is much angst that drones will be used to spy on American citizens, or worse. Remember, there is already precedent for using Predator drones to kill U.S. citizens without due process.

For what reason, and by whose authority, does the federal government continue to circumvent the rule of law? The Constitution does not allow for such infringements on our natural rights; these dangers can only be enabled by indiscriminate politicians, such as Our Congressman, who are *supposed* to *defend* our rights rather than repeatedly violate them.

Calen Fretts' "Candidate Forum"

Q: What is your position on the Janey Ensminger Act?

A: The Janey Ensminger Act is a long-overdue effort to rectify the issue of contaminated drinking water at Camp Lejeune from 1957-1987. This led to the tragic suffering and suspected deaths of countless Marines and their families, but the affliction still has not been made right for the victims. Our United States military veterans and their families deserve better.

I fully support the Janey Ensminger Act and find it an outright shame that Congress, much less the very Chairman of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, has outright ignored the damage done to so many veterans and their families at Camp Lejeune.

What is the purpose of our government if not to make right the injustices done to the undeserving, or for that matter, those who would lay down their lives in the very name of justice, as our servicemen? Have no doubt that, if and when I am elected, I will be a vocal advocate of

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who were affected by the Camp Lejeune contamination, and any other such disasters now and in the future.