We support it - it's a good thing to get off the ground. I don't like the "hindering" crime that it creates at all - my concern is that it will be used against people who are - in good faith - refusing to speak to the CA or refusing to answer certain questions from the CA because they've been advised to by their attorney.

And generally, I don't think it moves us in the right direction to use criminal laws to compel cooperation with the government. I'm not convinced that we will actually have any problem with people "hindering" the CA, but with the crime in place, there will certainly be prosecutions for it.

But overall, it's an important bill and it should pass - I'd just like it to pass without (unnecessarily) creating new crimes.

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