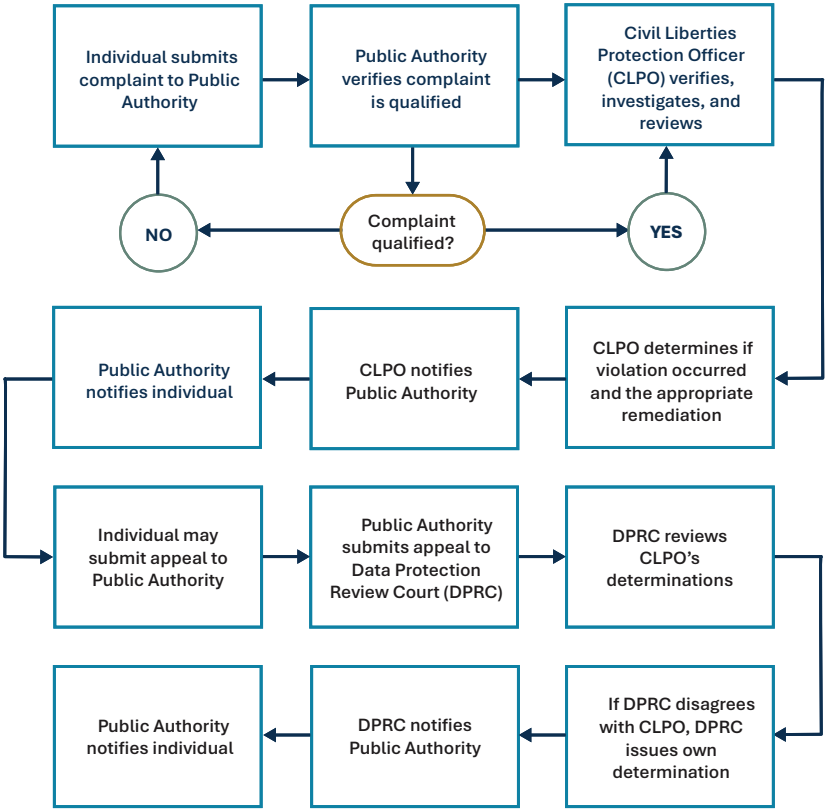




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National Security Redress Mechanism

Process to review complaints concerning access and use of data by U.S. intelligence agencies in signals intelligence activities.



See Executive Order 14086 §§ 3, 4(d), and 4(k), Intelligence Community Directive 126, and 28 CFR Part 201.

What is a National Security Qualifying Complaint?

Executive Order (EO) 14086 Section 3 establishes a redress mechanism to review “qualifying complaints” transmitted by the appropriate Public Authority in a qualifying state.

Before transmitting a complaint, the Public Authority must verify the following to show the complaint is a qualifying complaint:

- **Individual’s identity.**
- **Violation:**
 - Occurred after 7 October 2022 (the date EO 14086 was signed); and
 - Concerns data reasonably believed to have been transferred to the U.S. from the qualifying state after the effective date of the Attorney General’s designation.
- **Violation is about an individual’s personal data.**
 - Complaint is submitted by the individual or brought on behalf of the individual.
 - Complaint is not submitted as a representative of a government, nongovernmental, or intergovernmental organization.
- **Alleges a violation that:**
 - Adversely affects complainant’s individual privacy and civil liberties interests; and
 - Violates U.S. laws, orders, or procedures specified in EO 14086 § 4(d)(iii).
- **Provides basic information to enable a review:**
 - The basis for the complaint* and relief sought;
 - Specific means (such as an email address or phone number) the data was believed to have been transferred to the U.S.;
 - U.S. Government entities believed to be involved (if known); and
 - Other measures the complainant pursued to obtain relief and the responses.
 - Complaint is in good faith and not frivolous or vexatious.

**Complaint need not demonstrate that the individual’s data was in fact subject to U.S. signals intelligence activities.*