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Mr. Leigh Williams
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Dear Mr. Williams:

I am writing to thank you for appearing before the Cyber Security, Infrastructure Protection and Security Technologies Subcommittee hearing entitled "Examining the Homeland Security Impact of the Obama Administration's Cybersecurity Proposal" on Friday, June 24, 2011.

The Subcommittee intends to continue its oversight over the challenges to securing our nation's critical infrastructure. Your testimony was extremely helpful in refining the Subcommittee's understanding of this issue. I appreciate the effort you took to prepare and present your testimony.

While many questions were asked during the hearing, the Subcommittee has additional questions, enclosed, for your reply. Please forward your responses to the Subcommittee, attention Alan Carroll, Subcommittee Clerk, at H2-176 Ford House Office Building, by no later than Tuesday, July 26, 2011.

Once again, thank you for your appearance before the Subcommittee.

Sincerely,


PETER T. KING
Chairman

Enclosure

Questions for the Record from Congressman Dan Lungren

1. You describe a large number of items members of the financial services sector undertakes with respect to cyber security?
 - a. Can you compare these activities with those of the other sectors?
 - b. Which of these activities are the product of voluntary action by the BITS community and which are the results of federal or state regulations?
 - c. What is the cost of complying with these activities?
2. Under the Administration's proposal what new cyber security activities would BITS members undertake that they are not now doing?
3. You are endorsing the Administration's legislative proposal, which does not carve out the financial sector from its reach.
 - a. With this endorsement is it safe to assume that the financial industry will not be lobbying for a carve-out or any special treatment if the Administration's proposal moves forward?
4. Your testimony praises the Administration's legislative proposal for a variety of things like coordinating with companies and other agencies; however it was my understanding that most, if not all, these activities are currently going on without this legislation.
 - a. So, which specific provisions of the Administration's proposal will cause BITS members to make security improvements beyond their current activities and why is legislation required to get the BITS membership to undertake these activities?
 - b. How much will these legislatively mandated activities by BITS members improve security?