

The Honorable John Carter
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Committee on Appropriations
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Opening Statement As Prepared

This morning we welcome Under Secretary Rand Beers and Deputy Under Secretary Suzanne Spaulding to explain how DHS is mitigating cybersecurity threats and protecting our Nation's critical infrastructure. Thank you for joining us today.

As discussed in our briefing with DHS last month, the U.S. is the target of a massive cyber-espionage campaign that threatens the country's economic competitiveness. More disturbing, are recent reports detailing how the Chinese army is hacking into a wide range of U.S. industries.

Our cybersecurity is an issue of national significance. We don't have an endless pocket book to draw from, so we have to make every penny count.

In addition to answering our questions today, it is my understanding that you will also be updating us on the threat of these evolving cyber-attacks.

A few administrative items for the Members and staff in attendance:

- (1) This briefing is classified at the Top Secret / SCI level – the highly sensitive material that we discuss today is not to be discussed in an unauthorized setting, and
- (2) Members and staff should have already divested themselves of **all** electronic devices before entering the room.

Your written statement will be placed in the record, so I ask you to take five minutes to summarize it. Before we get started, I'd like to turn to the distinguished Ranking Member for any remarks he'd like to make.

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