



Date: October 7, 2013

Attention: Congresswoman Ms. Eshoo, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Communication and Technology

Subject: Follow Up Question for the hearing entitled "Cybersecurity: An Examination of the Communications Supply Chain."

Congresswoman Eshoo,

Thank you for the follow up question. Concerns over our global supply chains should be taken seriously and we were honored to be a part of this important hearing.

In response to your question:

CFIUS is an inter-agency committee authorized to review transactions that could result in control of a U.S. business by a foreign person ("covered transactions"), in order to determine the effect of such transactions on the national security of the United States. Your question focuses on network providers and purchases of equipment manufactured outside the United States. I do not think this is within the scope of the CFIUS committee and do think it would provide significant drawbacks to fair trade, cost and competition. From a resourcing standpoint, I think it would be nearly impossible to review all purchases of equipment manufactured outside the United States, thereby creating a bottleneck within the US economy. There are simply not enough assets (intelligence or CFIUS) to support this proposal, nor is it staying with the intent of the CFIUS program.

Having said this, I do believe this challenge should require strong supply chain language that insists network providers validate report and verify that the vendors are protecting their supply chain from malicious activity. I don't know that consolidating it within the CFIUS program will provide the adoption being sought by the question.

I remain available for any additional questions you might have.

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Bisceglie". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

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