

**Opening Statement of the Honorable Marsha Blackburn
Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade
Markup of “Discussion Draft of
H.R. __, Data Security and Breach Notification Act of 2015”
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Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

This is an important time for data security. 2014 was correctly dubbed “The Year of The Breach” and Congress must take action.

I want to thank Congressman Peter Welch for his leadership on this issue. Your efforts to work across the aisle are to be commended. I also want to thank Chairman Burgess, the Subcommittee staff, and interested stakeholders who have worked hard to produce language that will protect consumer by improving data security protections and setting a national breach notification standard for industry.

The discussion draft is a narrowly tailored framework aimed at addressing data security issues in a subset of industry. It is by no means

comprehensive or intended to be broad. Rather, this discussion draft is a starting point and I would hope that given the need for such legislation, that all Members of the Committee will offer sincere input. The American people are watching.

I look forward to continuing to work with all interested parties as this language moves through the legislative process.

Thank you and I yield back.