

**U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY**

**HEARING CHARTER**

June 27, 2018

**TO:** Members, Subcommittee on Oversight

**FROM:** Majority Staff, Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

**SUBJECT:** Oversight Subcommittee hearing: *Bolstering Data Privacy and Mobile Security: An Assessment of IMSI Catcher Threats*

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The Subcommittee on Oversight will hold a hearing entitled *Bolstering Data Privacy and Mobile Security: An Assessment of IMSI Catcher Threats* on Wednesday, June 27, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 2318 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

**Hearing Purpose:**

The purpose of this hearing is to examine and assess the threats to mobile security and user privacy presented by international mobile subscriber identity (IMSI) catchers and similar technology. IMSI catchers, known colloquially as “Stingrays”, exploit cellular vulnerabilities by intercepting and collecting data and information transmitted to and from mobile devices. In the hands of malicious or nefarious actors, the technology can be leveraged to gain access to calls, texts, and other information sent to and from the mobile devices of unwitting Americans. Officials with DHS recently disclosed signs of sophisticated technology, including IMSI catchers, near sensitive facilities including the White House. The hearing will focus on the threats this technology poses to data security and privacy, as well as the steps industry and government can take to better mitigate such threats in the future.

**Witness List:**

- **Dr. Charles H. Romine**, Director, Information Technology Laboratory, National Institute of Standards and Technology
- **Dr. T. Charles Clancy**, Director, Hume Center for National Security and Technology, Virginia Tech
- **Dr. Jonathan Mayer**, Assistant Professor of Computer Science and Public Affairs, Princeton University

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