



**One Hundred Seventeenth Congress
Committee on Homeland Security
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515**

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Dear Mr. Smith:

I am writing to thank you for appearing before the Committee on Oversight and Reform and the Committee on Homeland Security at the hearing entitled “Weathering the Storm: The Role of Private Tech in the SolarWinds Breach and the Ongoing Campaign” on Friday, February 26, 2021. Your testimony was extremely helpful in refining the Committee’s understanding of the issue. I appreciate the effort you took to prepare and present your testimony.

While many questions were asked during the hearing, the Committee has additional questions for you. Please forward your responses to the Committee clerk, Geremiah Lofton, at geremiah.lofton@mail.house.gov, by no later than Friday, April 9, 2021.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bennie G. Thompson".

BENNIE G. THOMPSON
Chairman

Question for the Record from Rep. Michael Guest, a Representative in Congress from the State of Mississippi

1. With growing concern that users are not sufficiently educated in cybersecurity awareness, and recent cyber hacks as large as the SolarWinds which could cost up to \$100B to remedy and as small as a \$300,000 ransomware attack targeted at a school in my district in Mississippi, are you making suggestions to your employers and/or customers on best practices for security awareness and preventative measures?
2. Given the demand for cyber capabilities will continue to grow at a rapid rate, can you address the current shortfalls in the workforce and provide your ideas and opportunities to meet workforce and training demands?