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I thank my friend, Mr. Latta, for yielding.

The security of American communications and information networks is paramount to national security—a field I know fairly well from my time in the military, but this sword cuts both ways.

As we have seen through the years, certain foreign adversaries have systematically coerced their equipment manufacturers to embed backdoors and other capabilities into their products, which are later purchased by American companies and integrated into our networks.

No foreign actor should have the ability to eavesdrop on U.S. citizens or our government—and let alone use these backdoors to launch cyberattacks or disrupt our communications.

In an effort to help the private sector avoid purchasing or installing this dangerous equipment, I worked with the Chairman, Mr. Doyle, to introduce H.R. 4461, the Network Security Information Sharing Act, which will be part of the discussion here today.

So I look forward to the discussion today and I yield back to my friend.