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The Honorable Ron Johnson Chairman Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510 The Honorable Claire McCaskill Ranking Member Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Johnson and Ranking Member McCaskill:

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is concerned with portions of H.R. 3359, the "Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency Act of 2017," commonly known as the National Protection and Programs Directorate (NPPD) reorganization bill, which would redesignate the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) NPPD as the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA).

The Chamber urges the committee to consider adding provisions to the bill that would clarify the manner in which industry stakeholders engage CISA for cybersecurity issues. H.R. 3359, as currently written, is vague on this matter, particularly considering legislation introduced in the last Congress provided clearer direction.

Many companies and associations have established relationships with DHS entities, while many other private organizations do not. Clarifying H.R. 3359 would help facilitate the private sector's engagement with the proposed CISA.

The Chamber looks forward to continuing to work with your committee, House members, and DHS to add more certainty to the legislation.

Sincerely,

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cc: Members of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs