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The Honorable Steve Chabot
Chairman
Small Business Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Nydia Velázquez
Ranking Member
Small Business Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Chabot and Ranking Member Velázquez:

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce supports H.R. 4668, the “Small Business Advanced Cybersecurity Enhancements Act of 2017” and H.R. 3170, the “Small Business Development Center Cyber Training Act of 2017.”

H.R. 4668 would help small businesses better protect themselves against malicious actors and increase the timely exchange of information between the public and private sectors. We particularly urge the Committee to support an amendment offered by Chairman Chabot that would help clarify liability protections in the bill for larger private entities.

Among other things, H.R. 4668 would designate Small Business Administration Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs) as key hubs for business-to-government engagement. This bill would also help protect small entities that defend themselves in the face of cyber threats, including from legal liability. H.R. 4668 would require that any related policies or rulemakings adopted by federal agencies do not unfairly burden small firms.

H.R. 3170 would foster the education of some SBDC employees to enable them to counsel small firms on cyber planning, preparedness, and response activities.

The Chamber looks forward to continuing to work with your Committee and House members to pass H.R. 4668 and H.R. 3170.

Sincerely,



Neil L. Bradley

cc: Members of the House Small Business Committee