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The Honorable Ed Royce
Chairman
Committee on Foreign Affairs
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Eliot L. Engel
Ranking Member
Committee on Foreign Affairs
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Royce and Ranking Member Engel:

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce supports H.R. 5576, the “Cyber Deterrence and Response Act of 2018,” which would authorize the president to designate foreign nations or their proxies that engage in cyber activities threatening to the economic or national security of the U.S. as a *critical cyber threat*.

This legislation is generally consistent with the Chamber’s position on cyber defense and deterrence. Industry is frequently the first to bear the brunt of cyberattacks coming from adversary nations. The Chamber believes that Congress and the administration should continue to spotlight adherence to international norms and deterrence to heighten the costs on countries or their subordinates that would willfully hack America’s private sector.

The Chamber looks forward to continuing to work with your committee and relevant cybersecurity stakeholders as H.R. 5576 advances.

Sincerely,



Neil L. Bradley

cc: Members of the Committee on Foreign Affairs