June 9, 2021

The Honorable Gary Peters
Chair
Committee on Homeland Security and
Governmental Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, DC  20510

The Honorable Rob Portman
Ranking Member
Committee on Homeland Security and
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Dear Chairman Peters and Ranking Member Portman:

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce strongly supports the nomination of Jen Easterly to be Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (“CISA”). Ms. Easterly has the experience needed to lead CISA in a time of significant growth and expansion of cyber threats to the United States.

Ms. Easterly has been on the front line of understanding, preparing, and defending a global enterprise from a range of threats. As head of Morgan Stanley’s Fusion Resilience Center, Ms. Easterly led organizations in assessing, evaluating and understanding risk and operational disruption. Earlier in her career, Ms. Easterly was instrumental in the design and development of U.S. Cyber Command. She has also served in senior positions within the National Security Agency and National Security Council.

The Chamber expects the next CISA Director to be an imaginative problem-solver, articulate communicator, and effective representative for advancing the Agency’s core mission of minimizing cyber risk. We have full confidence that Ms. Easterly embodies these characteristics, along with a unique ability to turn strategy into action. We urge the Committee to favorably report Ms. Easterly’s nomination to the full Senate.

Sincerely,

Christopher D. Roberti

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