



March 18, 2016

The Honorable Michael McCaul
Chairman
Committee on Homeland Security
H2-176 Ford House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mark Warner
U.S. Senator
475 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman McCaul and Senator Warner,

On behalf of FireEye, Inc., please accept my thanks for your combined efforts to convene the National Commission on Security and Technology Challenges. Your leadership will bring much needed expertise and insights to a difficult discussion.

As you both know, ongoing discussions about encryption and the crucial issues that surround it are especially prone to oversimplification and misrepresentation. As such, there appears to be confusion among many constituencies when it comes to important matters of technology and policy. Only through education and vigorous discussion will we be able to bridge the substantial gap in understanding that exists today.

Both sides of this debate are promoting important interests that are worthy of thoughtful consideration. However, we will never achieve practical solutions if the debate continues to play out in the media and a policy vacuum. In order to move past the current impasse, we, like you, encourage all parties to work toward finding a compromise position that protects individual privacy and serves the legitimate needs of law enforcement. FireEye believes your proposed Commission is the most effective way to find the middle ground we are certain exists.

The final decision regarding these important policy issues must be made by Congress after a fulsome, transparent debate. We look forward to advising Members of Congress on encryption and other security issues, and fully support the formation of the Commission for this purpose.

Thank you again for your leadership on these important issues.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shane M. McGee".

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