



## HOMELAND SECURITY COMMITTEE

### Statement of Chairman Michael McCaul (R-TX) on H.R. 3359 Homeland Security Committee

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Remarks as Prepared

H.R. 3359, the bipartisan legislation I introduced with the Ranking Member and several Committee members, for the first time authorizes and re-designates the existing National Protection and Programs Directorate (NPPD) as the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) within the Department of Homeland Security.

This new operational agency will be led by a Director and will be comprised of three divisions: Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Security, and Emergency Communications. The legislation ensures that these three divisions will collaborate on a regular basis to further operational coordination across the new Agency.

This realignment of NPPD's structure will allow it to become more streamlined and effective in carrying out existing authorities while achieving the Department's goal of creating a stand-alone operational organization focusing on and elevating the vital cybersecurity and infrastructure security missions.

In recent years we have seen hackers attack private companies like Sony, Target, and Yahoo, as well as government institutions which include our Office of Personnel Management and Great Britain's National Health Service.

With each passing day nation states and cyber criminals are continually looking to expose new vulnerabilities and because America has become so dependent on computer networks and information technology, everyone is a potential victim.

Today the Committee takes a major step forward with this legislation. We worked closely with the Department of Homeland Security and my colleagues across the aisle to ensure our homeland remains ready to protect Americans from dangerous cyber-attacks.

We expect a strong bipartisan vote today and I look forward to working with the other Committees on the way to the floor.

I thank the Ranking Member for working with me and my staff on this endeavor and yield back the balance of my time.

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