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U.S. House of Representatives
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Brandon Wales
Acting Director
Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency
Department of Homeland Security
Washington, D.C. 20528

Dear Acting Director Wales,

As the Nation continues to grapple with the fallout from the devastating SolarWinds cyber espionage campaign, the Committee on Homeland Security is committed to examining ways to better position the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) to have access to the resources, authorities, and visibility it needs to carry out its mission effectively. As part of these efforts, the Committee has examined several government and commercial datasets that provide legally permissible visibility into vulnerabilities across public and private sector networks alike. I am concerned that CISA is not leveraging the full universe of information available through intra-government data streams, commercial offerings, and internal data collection.

In the wake of the SolarWinds campaign, the Committee would like to better understand CISA's current cyber situational awareness posture. Particularly, how is CISA performing its internet asset discovery, monitoring, and vulnerability management functions for federal networks and critical infrastructure? Additionally, how could CISA better connect these sources of visibility together to maximize overall awareness of the risk landscape for the Nation?

Please provide responses to the above questions and any other relevant information to the Committee no later than April 9, 2021. Should you have any questions, please reach out to Austin Agrella, Staff Director for the Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Innovation.

Thank you for your continued work to protect our nation's critical infrastructure and federal networks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Katko".

JOHN KATKO
Ranking Member