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July 23, 2015

Mr. Tony Scott
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U.S. Office of Management and Budget
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Dear Mr. Scott:

In the wake of the data breaches at the Office of Personnel Management, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) launched a 30-day Cybersecurity Sprint (Cyber Sprint) and directed agencies to “immediately” take specific steps to “improve the resilience of Federal networks.”¹ Agencies were required to report their progress on implementing these steps to the OMB and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) within 30 days.

The Committee is interested in the current status of the agencies’ implementation of the steps laid out by your office in the Cyber Sprint. We therefore request you make knowledgeable staffers available for a briefing by July 30, 2015, on the following:

1. Any reports of malicious cyber activity received by OMB or DHS as a result of the deployment of priority threat-actor indicators. In addition, please include a list of which agencies, if any, did not deploy DHS’ priority threat-actor indicators.
2. Details of what agencies have reported to OMB and DHS on the patching of known critical vulnerabilities, including a list of which agencies, if any, that have not reported such patches.
3. Details on the steps agencies have taken to reduce the number and functionality of privileged users, as well as a list of agencies, if any, that have not taken steps to manage their privileged user population since the Cyber Sprint was launched on June 12, 2015.
4. Details on the progress of agencies in implementing multi-factor authentication, both for privileged and unprivileged users, including a breakdown of what percentage of users at each agency are required to use multi-factor authentication.

¹ OMB FACT SHEET: Enhancing and Strengthening the Federal Government’s Cybersecurity, Posted by Tony Scott (June 17, 2015) <https://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2015/06/17/fact-sheet-enhancing-and-strengthening-federal-government-s-cybersecurity>.

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Please contact Troy Stock, Julie Dunne, or Mike Flynn of the Majority staff at (202) 225-5074 or Brian Quinn of the Minority staff at (202) 225-5051 with any questions about this request. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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Information Technology



Robin Kelly
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on
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cc: The Honorable Jeh C. Johnson, Secretary
U.S Department of Homeland Security