

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

June 26, 2017

John Felker
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National Cybersecurity and
Communications Integration Center
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
245 Murray Lane SW
Arlington, VA 20598

Dear Mr. Felker:

We are writing to request information about the alleged cyberattacks that were reported last month by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

According to the FCC, the agency's website was attacked on May 7, 2017, when it "was subject to multiple distributed denial-of-service attacks (DDoS)." These attacks reportedly involved "deliberate attempts by external actors to bombard the FCC's comment system with a high amount of traffic." As a result, "these DDoS events tied up the servers and prevented them from responding to people attempting to submit comments."¹

Since the FCC's announcement, fundamental questions have been raised about its detection of the alleged cyberattacks and its response. To assist in our efforts to understand the events surrounding these alleged cyberattacks and the FCC's response, we request that you provide the following documents and information:

1. the date the FCC contacted the National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center's (NCCIC) Hunt and Incident Response Team (HIRT) concerning the alleged cyberattacks it announced on May 8, 2017, if such contact occurred;
2. the date HIRT made site visits to the FCC for purposes of conducting incident response and remediation activities, if such visits occurred;
3. all documents concerning any communications between the NCCIC and the FCC about the incidents;

¹ Federal Communications Commission, *FCC CIO Statement on Distributed Denial-of-Service Attacks on FCC Electronic Comment Filing System* (May 8, 2017) (online at transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2017/db0508/DOC-344764A1.pdf).

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4. all incident response reports, findings from forensic analyses, and recommendations from the NCCIC concerning the incidents, if they exist; and
5. all documents referring to or relating to the findings from any forensic investigative analyses or reports concerning the incidents, including how and why a DDoS attacks were declared and from what attack vectors, if these documents exist.

Please provide the requested information and documents by July 17, 2017. We also request a briefing by July 19, 2017, regarding this incident.

If you have any questions, please contact Timothy D. Lynch of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Democratic Staff at (202) 225-5051, and Julie Babayan of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, Democratic Staff at (202) 225-3641.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

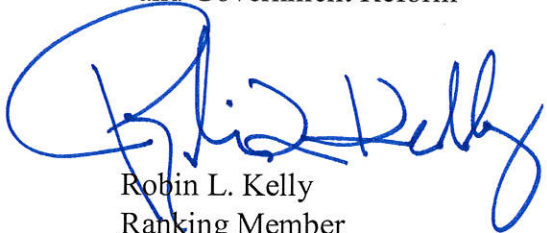
Sincerely,



Elijah E. Cummings
Ranking Member
Committee on Oversight
and Government Reform



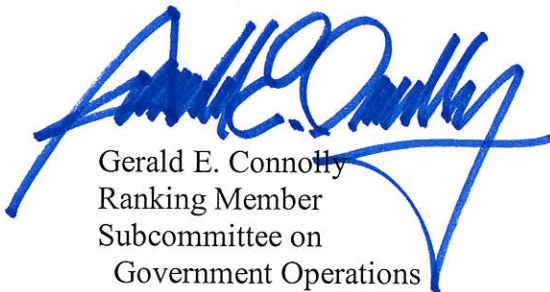
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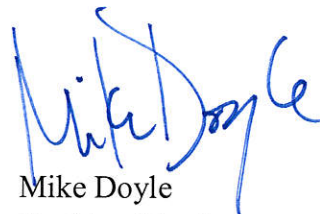
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cc: The Honorable Trey Gowdy, Chairman
House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

The Honorable Greg Walden, Chairman
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