

**Opening Statement of the Honorable Fred Upton
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Wired and wireless technologies are increasingly becoming the medium over which we manage our lives, our government, and our country. As a result, national security, economic security, and personal security are now also matters of communications security. Where once it may have been sufficient to guard the doors to our homes, our banks, our offices, our factories, and our utilities, today we must also guard the virtual doors to our networks.

This hearing will look at the locks we place on those networks throughout the communications supply chain. Just as the networks and the cyber threats they confront are varied and ever evolving, so too must be our defenses. A one-size-fits-all solution is likely to be as successful as fitting every lock with the same key.

What means are at the disposal of the private sector and government to secure our networks? What's working? What isn't? Where are the threats coming from? What kind of risk and cost-benefit analyses should we be engaging in to find the right solutions? I ask the witnesses to help frame the issues for us today so we can determine where we—and the nation—should focus attention. If no one watches the door, surely someone will walk in who shouldn't.

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