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Dear Mr. Boyens:

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the world's largest business federation representing the interests of more than three million businesses and organizations of every size, sector, and region, greatly appreciates the effort the Department of Commerce has put into writing its new green paper entitled, "Cybersecurity, Innovation, and the Internet Economy."

The Chamber applauds the Department for proposing the idea of a *voluntary* cybersecurity framework for an "Internet and Information Innovation Sector" (I3S) that falls outside of traditional U.S. critical infrastructure. The green paper covers a wealth of promising topics for discussion and debate as well as a lengthy list of questions. We respectfully ask that you accept this letter as a temporary placeholder until we can provide the Department with a more detailed response, which we anticipate sending to you within the next week or two.

We would like to give additional consideration to areas such as defining the I3S, promoting the adoption of global standards, and encouraging actionable information-sharing practices among and between businesses and government. Further, additional time may need to be given to assessing the voluntary codes of conduct proposed in the green paper and the mandatory cybersecurity regime for "covered" critical infrastructure that the White House has promoted in a legislative proposal.

The Chamber values the work the Department has put into creating the green paper and developing the I3S framework. The Chamber appreciates the outreach that the Department has conducted with the private sector, and we look forward to following up with you soon. Meanwhile, please let my colleague Matthew Eggers or me (202-463-3100) know if you have any questions. Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

Ann Beauchesne