



Thursday, May 19, 2022

Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
2707 Martin Luther King Jr Ave SE
Washington, DC 20528

Director Jen Easterly

Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security
Agency 245 Murray Lane
Washington, DC 20528

Dear Secretary Mayorkas and Director Easterly:

On behalf of the Computing Technology Industry Association (CompTIA), we are writing to express our sincere appreciation for your leadership to improve the nation's cybersecurity posture in today's ever evolving threat landscape. Especially as cyber threats are only growing, including from risks associated with the Russian invasion of Ukraine, this focus on enhancing cybersecurity across all levels of government, private industry, academia, and nonprofit entities is needed now more than ever.

As you may know, CompTIA is a leading voice and advocate for the \$5 trillion global information technology ecosystem; and the estimated 75 million industry and tech professionals who design, implement, manage, and safeguard the technology that powers the world's economy. Through education, training, certifications, advocacy, philanthropy, and market research, CompTIA is the hub for advancing the tech industry and its workforce.

CompTIA has also been extremely focused on cybersecurity initiatives through our Public Sector Cybersecurity Committee, through which we advocate for a range of cyber-related policies and funding across all tiers of government. Our committee's advocacy aims to connect leading cybersecurity and information technology companies, as well as state and local governments, with Federal departments and agencies, the White House, and Congress, to advocate for sustained Federal investment in cybersecurity and modern commercial capabilities across all levels of government and privately-owned critical infrastructure. We have also promoted the adoption of cybersecurity best practices and the prioritization of cybersecurity in the deployment and integration of emerging technologies.

We were strong proponents of the \$1 billion State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program that was authorized and funded through the legislative package. In June 2021, CompTIA joined the Alliance for Digital Innovation in writing to the Chairs and Ranking Members of the House Homeland Security Committee and Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Innovation



Subcommittee a [letter of support](#) for the State and Local Cybersecurity Improvement Act (H.R. 3138). The following month, CompTIA [weighed in](#) with Senate leadership on the importance of incorporating H.R. 3138 into the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law along with other essential cybersecurity programs and funding. This critical grant program will guide the development, implementation, and necessary funding for Cybersecurity Plans across a wide range of state and local governmental entities.

As the threat of cyberattacks grows, malicious actors continue to target state and local governments. This funding is necessary to help them prevent, withstand, and quickly respond to possible cyber threats. It is crucial that these state and local governments have the funding needed to implement baseline standards of care to guide their vulnerability assessments and threat mitigation strategy.

We appreciate CISA's ongoing efforts to provide cybersecurity guidance and resources to state and local government agencies. Given the growing threat of cyberattacks, especially threats from malicious Russian actors, we encourage you to release the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) as soon as possible, including supplemental guidance to ensure that this funding can be disbursed quickly and efficiently. We look forward to working with you to access and implement this necessary funding.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Logsdon", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

David Logsdon

Staff Director, CompTIA Public Sector Cybersecurity Committee