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and Transportation

AN ACT

To amend the U.S. SAFE WEB Act of 2006 to provide for reporting with respect to cross-border complaints involving ransomware or other cyber-related attacks, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Reporting Attacks
3 from Nations Selected for Oversight and Monitoring Web
4 Attacks and Ransomware from Enemies Act” or the
5 “RANSOMWARE Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. RANSOMWARE AND OTHER CYBER-RELATED AT-**
7 **TACKS.**

8 Section 14 of the U.S. SAFE WEB Act of 2006
9 (Public Law 109–455; 120 Stat. 3382) is amended—

10 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1)—

11 (A) by striking “Not later than 3 years
12 after the date of enactment of this Act,” and
13 inserting “Not later than 1 year after the date
14 of enactment of the Reporting Attacks from
15 Nations Selected for Oversight and Monitoring
16 Web Attacks and Ransomware from Enemies
17 Act, and every 2 years thereafter,”; and

18 (B) by inserting “, with respect to the 2-
19 year period preceding the date of the report (or,
20 in the case of the first report transmitted under
21 this section after the date of the enactment of
22 the Reporting Attacks from Nations Selected
23 for Oversight and Monitoring Web Attacks and
24 Ransomware from Enemies Act, the 1-year pe-
25 riod preceding the date of the report)” after
26 “include”;

1 (2) in paragraph (8), by striking “; and” and
2 inserting a semicolon;

3 (3) in paragraph (9), by striking the period at
4 the end and inserting “; and”; and

5 (4) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(10) the number and details of cross-border
7 complaints received by the Commission that involve
8 ransomware or other cyber-related attacks—

9 “(A) that were committed by individuals
10 located in foreign countries or with ties to for-
11 eign countries; and

12 “(B) that were committed by companies lo-
13 cated in foreign countries or with ties to foreign
14 countries.”.

15 **SEC. 3. REPORT ON RANSOMWARE AND OTHER CYBER-RE-**
16 **LATED ATTACKS BY CERTAIN FOREIGN INDI-**
17 **VIDUALS, COMPANIES, AND GOVERNMENTS.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
19 date of the enactment of this Act, and every 2 years there-
20 after, the Federal Trade Commission shall transmit to the
21 Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of
22 Representatives and the Committee on Commerce,
23 Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report de-
24 scribing its use of and experience with the authority grant-
25 ed by the U.S. SAFE WEB Act of 2006 (Public Law 109–

1 455) and the amendments made by such Act. The report
2 shall include the following:

3 (1) The number and details of cross-border
4 complaints received by the Commission (including
5 which such complaints were acted upon and which
6 such complaints were not acted upon) that relate to
7 incidents that were committed by individuals, com-
8 panies, or governments described in subsection (b),
9 broken down by each type of individual, type of com-
10 pany, or government described in a paragraph of
11 such subsection.

12 (2) The number and details of cross-border
13 complaints received by the Commission (including
14 which such complaints were acted upon and which
15 such complaints were not acted upon) that involve
16 ransomware or other cyber-related attacks that were
17 committed by individuals, companies, or govern-
18 ments described in subsection (b), broken down by
19 each type of individual, type of company, or govern-
20 ment described in a paragraph of such subsection.

21 (3) A description of trends in the number of
22 cross-border complaints received by the Commission
23 that relate to incidents that were committed by indi-
24 viduals, companies, or governments described in sub-
25 section (b), broken down by each type of individual,

1 type of company, or government described in a para-
2 graph of such subsection.

3 (4) Identification and details of foreign agencies
4 (including foreign law enforcement agencies (as de-
5 fined in section 4 of the Federal Trade Commission
6 Act (15 U.S.C. 44))) located in Russia, China,
7 North Korea, or Iran with which the Commission
8 has cooperated and the results of such cooperation,
9 including any foreign agency enforcement action or
10 lack thereof.

11 (5) A description of Commission litigation, in
12 relation to cross-border complaints described in
13 paragraphs (1) and (2), brought in foreign courts
14 and the results of such litigation.

15 (6) Any recommendations for legislation that
16 may advance the mission of the Commission in car-
17 rying out the U.S. SAFE WEB Act of 2006 and the
18 amendments made by such Act.

19 (7) Any recommendations for legislation that
20 may advance the security of the United States and
21 United States companies against ransomware and
22 other cyber-related attacks.

23 (8) Any recommendations for United States
24 citizens and United States businesses to implement

1 best practices on mitigating ransomware and other
2 cyber-related attacks.

3 (b) INDIVIDUALS, COMPANIES, AND GOVERNMENTS
4 DESCRIBED.—The individuals, companies, and govern-
5 ments described in this subsection are the following:

6 (1) An individual located within Russia or with
7 direct or indirect ties to the Government of the Rus-
8 sian Federation.

9 (2) A company located within Russia or with di-
10 rect or indirect ties to the Government of the Rus-
11 sian Federation.

12 (3) The Government of the Russian Federation.

13 (4) An individual located within China or with
14 direct or indirect ties to the Government of the Peo-
15 ple’s Republic of China.

16 (5) A company located within China or with di-
17 rect or indirect ties to the Government of the Peo-
18 ple’s Republic of China.

19 (6) The Government of the People’s Republic of
20 China.

21 (7) An individual located within North Korea or
22 with direct or indirect ties to the Government of the
23 Democratic People’s Republic of Korea.

(10) An individual located within Iran or with direct or indirect ties to the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

12 (12) The Government of the Islamic Republic of
13 Iran.

Attest: **CHERYL L. JOHNSON,**
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