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Congresswoman Matsui Statement on the President's Executive Order on Cybersecurity

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, Congresswoman Doris Matsui (CA-06), a Member of the Energy and Commerce Communications and Technology Subcommittee released the following statement in response to President Obama's Executive Order on Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity:

"The President's Executive Order on Cybersecurity represents a good first step toward ensuring the security of our nation's critical infrastructure. Cyber espionage is a real threat to our nation and there is no question that action must be taken.

"I am particularly pleased that this Executive Order considers the implications of inadvertently including interactive computer services, such as networks which facilitate commerce, provide search services or are platforms for social networking and speech. There is a fundamental difference between these services and networks that manage infrastructure critical to public safety. Protecting the right to privacy and civil liberties are crucial in this effort, which is why I wrote to the Administration and urged them to take this into account when drafting this Executive Order. I am pleased that this consideration was included in the final Order.

"While this Executive Order is a good first step there is more work to be done. Congress must make cybersecurity a top priority to ensure the safety and security of our nation's infrastructure. I look forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle on this important issue."

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