

## **Govt. To Weigh In On Cybersecurity Protections**

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The House Communications Subcommittee will be hearing from top government officials this week on how they are protecting cybersecurity, with a focus on how they are working with industry and what the proper role of government should be.

That is according to a witness list for the March 28 hearing that includes Admiral Jamie Barnett, chief of the Federal Communications Commission's Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, and officials from the National Telecommunications & Information Administration and the Department of Homeland security.

In a memo to staffers, the subcommittee points out that in earlier hearings and meetings with staffers, industry representatives have urged caution when it comes to government involvement, arguing that legislation could provide "few" solutions industry is not already working on, that legislating standards would be aiming behind a fast-moving target, new laws put restraints on good actors that are ignored by the bad guys, that regulations can provide a "road map for evasion."

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