

Organizations Endorsing National Commission on Digital Security

“SIIA welcomes a process that leads to a balanced, reasonable dialogue between technologists, security experts, industry representatives, law enforcement and national security leaders. Strong encryption is essential for privacy, data security, and global commerce. Law enforcement access to information under appropriate due process is a common and well understood practice in the technology industry, and it is critical to keeping the public safe. But the issues here are complex, and we face the very real danger that overly broad access to secure systems could undermine the very safety and security we seek,” **said Mark MacCarthy, Software & Information Industry Association Senior Vice President of Public Policy.** “The significant risk associated with this issue demands a thoughtful and deliberate response.”

“A commission created by the Congress, with a membership drawn from every interested quarter in the debates around consumer technology and law enforcement, is a very good idea. It could help work through not only current issues, but future ones – this is a rapidly evolving field which deserves a thorough look and deep understanding before as far-reaching legislation is considered,” **said Professor Jonathan Zittrain, Co-Founder, Director and Faculty Chair of the Harvard University Berkman Center for Internet & Society.**

“America is at its best when its diversity is embraced as a strength to inform deliberations on matters of national import,” **said Chris Inglis, former Deputy Director of the National Security Agency.** “The Commission offers a much needed venue to consider all sides of the ongoing debate on security in a digital age.”

“I’d like to congratulate Congressman McCaul and Senator Warner for proposing an expert commission to address security issues posed by encryption, law enforcement, and technology. This is timely legislation, especially given all the discussion in recent days related to encryption and security matters,” **said TechNet CEO and President Linda Moore.** “It is important to have an expert discussion that considers the legitimate rights and needs of consumers, businesses, governments, and the American economy. The proposed commission could provide a valuable framework to help resolve these important issues.”

“In a period of rancorous and often counterproductive political debate, this Commission would be a critical step in thoughtfully addressing one of our most pressing challenges: protecting privacy and civil liberties while simultaneously enhancing national security and continuing to foster the technological development that drives so much of our economy,” **said Michael Leiter, former Director of the National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC).**

“This commission is the best way to deal with the encryption issue, and the larger issue of digital security for our nation,” **said Jim Lewis, senior fellow and program director at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS).**