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Chairman Jackson, Ranking Member Crow, and distinguished members of the Committee, I am honored to be with you representing the men and women of U.S. Cyber Command and the National Security Agency. Thank you for this opportunity to testify before you today with my Department of Defense Intelligence Enterprise colleagues.

At the National Security Agency, our workforce supports our policymakers by providing unique, timely and exquisite insights for the nation's top priorities. As a combat support agency, we provide critical support to our warfighters in countering a multitude of threats facing the nation today, and in the future. The men and women of both U.S. Cyber Command and NSA are the key to our mission success and serve as our competitive advantage across all of our mission sets.

China remains our pacing threat. Countering their efforts to challenge the U.S. as well as their aggression in the Indo-Pacific is a top priority. U.S. Cyber Command and NSA are focused on using the full scope of our authorities and the full spectrum of our capabilities to counter China's aggression. We remain ready and postured to contest China's malicious activities across the globe in lockstep with our allies and our U.S. government and private industry partners.

U.S. Cyber Command and NSA remain focused on achieving mission success across the spectrum of the President's priorities relayed to us by Secretary Hegseth's Interim National Defense Strategic Guidance. In developing our FY26 budget request, in partnership with the Department of Defense and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, NSA has focused on Administration priorities including defending the homeland and modernizing our capabilities, as well as on our core functions of code-making and code-breaking. As examples, both organizations have taken comprehensive and concrete actions in support of homeland defense, including improving our support to U.S. Government disruption activities with cartels operating in Mexico along the Southern Border and in the development of the Golden Dome for America.

Our nation is confronted with an increasingly complex and dynamic threat landscape in the cyber domain. However, I want to assure you today that U.S. Cyber Command and NSA are at the forefront of this challenge, armed with unparalleled capabilities and insights that place us at an advantage against our most formidable adversaries.

Our dedicated professionals are actively defending the nation, including the Defense Industrial Base from sophisticated nation-state actors and malicious cyber-attacks. We are not merely reacting to intrusions; we are proactively identifying and analyzing the tools and tradecraft of our adversaries and sharing these critical discoveries publicly and with our partners to empower a collective defense that strengthens our nation's cybersecurity posture.

I know this Committee is highly supportive of our missions and our people and I am thankful for the opportunity to testify in front of you today.