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The Honorable John Thune
Chairman
Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Bill Nelson
Ranking Member
Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation
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Dear Chairman Thune and Ranking Member Nelson:

ASIS International, the world's leading organization for security professionals, expresses its support for the MAIN STREET Cybersecurity Act, introduced yesterday in the Senate. The legislation calls on the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and other federal entities to assess the voluntary *Framework for Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity* and to provide concise and consistent resources to small and midsize businesses (SMBs) on how best to implement the framework.

The legislation emphasizes years of cooperative efforts by industry and government to produce risk management tools that support the cybersecurity needs of SMBs. ASIS International is committed to promoting the use of best practices and voluntary guidance, such as the framework, provided by both the public and private sectors to assist businesses of all sizes in managing cyber risk.

ASIS International appreciates the Committee's bipartisan and collaborative approach to improving U.S. cybersecurity capabilities, and encourages Committee members to support the MAIN STREET Cybersecurity Act. We look forward to working with you and your staff to advance this important legislation, and to bolster the security and resiliency of our nation.

Sincerely,

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cc: Members of the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation