

**Chairman Peters Opening Statement As Prepared for Delivery Full Committee
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Our country's cybersecurity is tested every day. Foreign adversaries and cyber criminals pose a constant threat to American businesses, government agencies, and our national security. As these attacks become more sophisticated, we must work to strengthen our cybersecurity infrastructure and protect our nation from the threats posed by these breaches.

In May 2021, President Biden took an important step in that mission by establishing the Cyber Safety Review Board, also called the CSRB, for short. Just as the National Transportation Safety Board responds to plane, car, and rail accidents, the CSRB is expected to respond to cybersecurity intrusions.

It was established to investigate breaches in America's cybersecurity infrastructure and identify how we can prevent similar threats down the road.

So far, this board has completed two reviews. The first focused on the log4j vulnerability in widely used open-source software that is employed around the world. The second review centered on a group of cyber criminals bent on extorting well-known businesses and government agencies. In each case, the CSRB made multiple recommendations to federal agencies and the private sector that will help neutralize similar threats in the future.

The board is now in the midst of its third review, focused on improving the safety and security of cloud computing systems.

Although the CSRB is fairly new and has begun to help combat serious cyber threats, there is clearly more it can do to support our nation's cybersecurity. Today's hearing will explore some of those key issues, including the CSRB's unique role in the broader landscape of American cybersecurity, its collaborative relationship with the private sector, and the efficiency of its investigative process.

We must examine those issues to properly evaluate the CSRB and help increase its benefit to the cybersecurity ecosystem. Today's hearing, and our panel of expert witnesses, can help us do so.