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Mr. Tim Horne
Acting Administrator
General Services Administration
1800 F Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20405

Dear Mr. Horne:

We are writing to add our support to your decision to remove Kaspersky Lab products from General Services Administration (GSA) schedules for information technology services.¹ As the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, we are concerned about the presence of Kaspersky Lab products on government systems that has persisted for a number of years, and we are pleased by the recent announcement that GSA took steps to remove the products from the approved list of vendors. There is more that must be done to fully address the situation, but this is an important first step. It is imperative that the federal government work to increase awareness throughout the acquisition community to prevent the purchase of additional Kaspersky Lab products “separate from the GSA contract process.”²

Our offices are working with your staff to set up briefings on any further steps that GSA is taking to fully address the matter, and how GSA is coordinating their efforts with the Office of Management and Budget, the Department of Homeland Security, and the Intelligence Community. If you have any questions please contact Brooke Ericson at (202) 224-4751 or Julie Klein at (202) 224-2627. Please send any official correspondence related to this request to Amanda Trosen at Amanda_Trosen@hsgac.senate.gov.

Sincerely,



Ron Johnson
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Claire McCaskill
Ranking Member

¹ *Trump administration limits government use of Kaspersky Lab software*, Reuters (July 11, 2017) (<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-kaspersky-lab-idUSKBN19W2W2>).

² *Id.*