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To amend the U.S. SAFE WEB Act of 2006 to provide for reporting with respect to cross-border complaints involving ransomware or other cyber-related attacks, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BILIRAKIS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Reporting Attacks
5 from Nations Selected for Oversight and Monitoring Web
6 Attacks and Ransomware from Enemies Act” or the
7 “RANSOMWARE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. RANSOMWARE AND OTHER CYBER-RELATED AT-**
2 **TACKS.**

3 Section 14 of the U.S. SAFE WEB Act of 2006
4 (Public Law 109–455; 120 Stat. 3382) is amended—

5 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1)—

6 (A) by striking “Not later than 3 years
7 after the date of enactment of this Act,” and
8 inserting “Not later than 1 year after the date
9 of enactment of the Reporting Attacks from
10 Nations Selected for Oversight and Monitoring
11 Web Attacks and Ransomware from Enemies
12 Act, and every 2 years thereafter,”; and

13 (B) by inserting “, with respect to the 2-
14 year period preceding the date of the report (or,
15 in the case of the first report transmitted under
16 this section after the date of the enactment of
17 the Reporting Attacks from Nations Selected
18 for Oversight and Monitoring Web Attacks and
19 Ransomware from Enemies Act, the 1-year pe-
20 riod preceding the date of the report)” after
21 “include”;

22 (2) in paragraph (8), by striking “; and” and
23 inserting a semicolon;

24 (3) in paragraph (9), by striking the period at
25 the end and inserting “; and”; and

26 (4) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(10) the number and details of cross-border
2 complaints received by the Commission that involve
3 ransomware or other cyber-related attacks—

4 “(A) that were committed by individuals
5 located in foreign countries or with ties to for-
6 eign countries; and

7 “(B) that were committed by companies lo-
8 cated in foreign countries or with ties to foreign
9 countries.”.

10 **SEC. 3. REPORT ON RANSOMWARE AND OTHER CYBER-RE-**
11 **LATED ATTACKS BY CERTAIN FOREIGN INDI-**
12 **VIDUALS, COMPANIES, AND GOVERNMENTS.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
14 date of the enactment of this Act, and every 2 years there-
15 after, the Federal Trade Commission shall transmit to the
16 Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of
17 Representatives and the Committee on Commerce,
18 Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report de-
19 scribing its use of and experience with the authority grant-
20 ed by the U.S. SAFE WEB Act of 2006 (Public Law 109–
21 455) and the amendments made by such Act. The report
22 shall include the following:

23 (1) The number and details of cross-border
24 complaints received by the Commission (including
25 which such complaints were acted upon and which

1 such complaints were not acted upon) that relate to
2 incidents that were committed by individuals, com-
3 panies, or governments described in subsection (b),
4 broken down by each type of individual, type of com-
5 pany, or government described in a paragraph of
6 such subsection.

7 (2) The number and details of cross-border
8 complaints received by the Commission (including
9 which such complaints were acted upon and which
10 such complaints were not acted upon) that involve
11 ransomware or other cyber-related attacks that were
12 committed by individuals, companies, or govern-
13 ments described in subsection (b), broken down by
14 each type of individual, type of company, or govern-
15 ment described in a paragraph of such subsection.

16 (3) A description of trends in the number of
17 cross-border complaints received by the Commission
18 that relate to incidents that were committed by indi-
19 viduals, companies, or governments described in sub-
20 section (b), broken down by each type of individual,
21 type of company, or government described in a para-
22 graph of such subsection.

23 (4) Identification and details of foreign agencies
24 (including foreign law enforcement agencies (as de-
25 fined in section 4 of the Federal Trade Commission

1 Act (15 U.S.C. 44)) located in Russia, China,
2 North Korea, or Iran with which the Commission
3 has cooperated and the results of such cooperation,
4 including any foreign agency enforcement action or
5 lack thereof.

6 (5) A description of Commission litigation, in
7 relation to cross-border complaints described in
8 paragraphs (1) and (2), brought in foreign courts
9 and the results of such litigation.

10 (6) Any recommendations for legislation that
11 may advance the mission of the Commission in car-
12 rying out the U.S. SAFE WEB Act of 2006 and the
13 amendments made by such Act.

14 (7) Any recommendations for legislation that
15 may advance the security of the United States and
16 United States companies against ransomware and
17 other cyber-related attacks.

18 (8) Any recommendations for United States
19 citizens and United States businesses to implement
20 best practices on mitigating ransomware and other
21 cyber-related attacks.

22 (b) INDIVIDUALS, COMPANIES, AND GOVERNMENTS
23 DESCRIBED.—The individuals, companies, and govern-
24 ments described in this subsection are the following:

1 (1) An individual located within Russia or with
2 direct or indirect ties to the Government of the Rus-
3 sian Federation.

4 (2) A company located within Russia or with di-
5 rect or indirect ties to the Government of the Rus-
6 sian Federation.

7 (3) The Government of the Russian Federation.

8 (4) An individual located within China or with
9 direct or indirect ties to the Government of the Peo-
10 ple's Republic of China.

11 (5) A company located within China or with di-
12 rect or indirect ties to the Government of the Peo-
13 ple's Republic of China.

14 (6) The Government of the People's Republic of
15 China.

16 (7) An individual located within North Korea or
17 with direct or indirect ties to the Government of the
18 Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

19 (8) A company located within North Korea or
20 with direct or indirect ties to the Government of the
21 Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

22 (9) The Government of the Democratic People's
23 Republic of Korea.

1 (10) An individual located within Iran or with
2 direct or indirect ties to the Government of the Is-
3 lamic Republic of Iran.

4 (11) A company located within Iran or with di-
5 rect or indirect ties to the Government of the Is-
6 lamic Republic of Iran.

7 (12) The Government of the Islamic Republic of
8 Iran.

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