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To continue an advisory committee considering the optimal security,
reliability, and interoperability of communications systems.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

A BILL

To continue an advisory committee considering the optimal
security, reliability, and interoperability of communica-
tions systems.

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. COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY, RELIABILITY,**
4 **AND INTEROPERABILITY COUNCIL.**

5 (a) CONTINUATION.—The Federal Communications
6 Commission shall continue the advisory committee known
7 as the “FCC’s Communications Security, Reliability, and
8 Interoperability Council” (in this section referred to as the
9 “Council”) in accordance with its charter, as modified by

1 this section, and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5
2 U.S.C. App.).

3 (b) CONSIDERATIONS.—The Council shall consider
4 and recommend—

5 (1) how to promote reliable 9–1–1 services, E9–
6 1–1 services, and Next Generation 9–1–1 services
7 (as such services are defined in section 158 of the
8 National Telecommunications and Information Ad-
9 ministration Organization Act (47 U.S.C. 942));

10 (2) how to extend next generation capabilities
11 to other services using abbreviated dialing codes to
12 ensure their reliability and cost effective deployment;

13 (3) how to make communications networks, in-
14 cluding broadband networks and VoIP systems,
15 more secure, resilient, and defensible against Inter-
16 net-based attacks;

17 (4) how to promote the development of a next
18 generation alerting system that leverages advanced
19 technologies and the Internet to distribute emer-
20 gency alerts and warnings to the public; and

21 (5) how to improve the functioning of the pri-
22 ority services programs related to national security
23 and emergency preparedness, including Government
24 Emergency Telecommunications Service, Telecom-

1 munications Service Priority, and Wireless Priority
2 Service.

3 (c) REPORT.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March 1,
5 2013, the Council shall transmit to the Federal
6 Communications Commission, the Committee on En-
7 ergy and Commerce of the House of Representa-
8 tives, and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
9 Transportation of the Senate a report containing the
10 following:

11 (A) Any recommendations developed under
12 subsection (b), along with a summary of those
13 recommendations.

14 (B) A summary of the greatest and grow-
15 ing threats to the security of communications
16 networks, including broadband networks and
17 VoIP systems.

18 (C) An itemization of any statutory or reg-
19 ulatory obstacles to enhancing the security of
20 communications networks, including broadband
21 networks and VoIP systems, through voluntary
22 public-private partnerships.

23 (2) REQUIREMENT.—The Council shall trans-
24 mit a report under paragraph (1) that has been

1 agreed to by at least a two-thirds majority of the
2 members of the Council.

3 **SEC. 2. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

4 Nothing in this Act may be construed to grant any
5 authority to the Federal Communications Commission to
6 adopt rules or regulations or to impose binding obligations
7 on businesses or consumers.

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