



May 22, 2019

The Honorable Deb Fischer  
United States Senate  
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Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Cory Gardner  
United States Senate  
354 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Cory Booker  
United States Senate  
717 Hart Senate Office Building  
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The Honorable Brian Schatz  
United States Senate  
722 Hart Senate Office Building  
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Dear Senators Fischer, Gardner, Booker and Schatz:

On behalf of the Security Industry Association (SIA), I would like to express our strong support for S. 1611, the Developing Innovation and Growing Internet of Things (DIGIT) Act, bipartisan legislation that directs the Secretary of Commerce to convene a governmental working group to address the federal government's role in the proliferation of the Internet of Things (IoT). SIA represents nearly 1,000 global businesses that develop, manufacture and integrate IP-enabled security solutions vital to securing our nation's critical infrastructure.

SIA members recognize the profound impact of IoT in allowing devices to perform better, smarter and in a more coordinated fashion, especially within the physical security arena. By 2025, studies show that the IoT is expected to economically contribute up to \$11 trillion per year globally. The growth potential is exciting for both public and private sectors, and we support policies that allow for the innovation, proliferation, and ubiquitous deployment of IoT technologies, and the continued leadership of the United States in this industry.

SIA applauds the provision of S. 1611 highlighting the wide range of IoT issues under the working group's directed report. As the Department of Commerce convenes the working group to examine issues related to IoT and produce its report, SIA respectfully requests that the security industry be represented in the nongovernmental steering committee. SIA members develop technology solutions that incorporate "privacy by design," protecting personally identifiable information from design to manufacture to implementation and deployment.

Additionally, SIA is pleased to see that the DIGIT Act ensures the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) is included in the working group, since standardization is another critical pillar of successful IoT deployment. Beneficial expertise at NIST has provided advanced encryption standards, along with data storage guidance for end-user devices that are widely-utilized by SIA members.

SIA and its members look forward to working with you as you to ensure swift passage of the DIGIT Act. Thank you for your bipartisan leadership and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Erickson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Don Erickson  
CEO  
Security Industry Association