

Mackinac Policy Conference

Friday May 31, 2013 – 8:30 a.m.

Panel with Chairman Fred Upton and David Behen

Building and Protecting Michigan's Critical Cyber Infrastructure

Questions we provided to the moderator for the panel:

1. Why should the average American citizen care about cyber security?
2. Does the kind of information-sharing legislation you are talking about allow the government to read Americans' emails or Facebook posts?

Talking points:

- Cyber security impact every industry in Michigan with intellectual property. When you think of General Motors, Ford, Chrysler, Dow Chemical, Whirlpool in Fred's district, or Kellogg's, the Chinese are after all of their business plans. They are on their networks. They are trying to copy their products and sell them on the open market at a fraction of the price. And that costs Michigan jobs directly in Michigan. Tens of thousands of good paying jobs.
- Michigan has critical infrastructure that is target of the Chinese and Iranians. Michigan has 3 nuclear power plants, Dow Chemical, water and transportation systems, plenty of targets for cyber thieves or a cyber attack. Michigan is also home to some of the busiest border crossings in the world. Just imagine how much of a disruption or an economic loss if those border crossing were shut down for just a small period of time.
- Discuss the threat. These headlines below are from THIS MONTH ALONE:

[Iran Hacks Energy Firms](#)

Wall Street Journal, May 24, 2013

[Chinese Hackers Who Breached Google Gained Access to Sensitive Data](#)

Washington Post, May 20, 2013

[CISPA Isn't a Real Threat But Cyberattacks Are](#)

Mortimer Zuckerman, U.S. News and World Report, May 16, 2013

[Chinese Military Unit Said to Resume Cyber Spying](#)

L.A. Times, May 15, 2013

[Top General Says U.S. Under Constant Cyber Attack Threat](#)

Reuters, May 14, 2013

[Cyberattacks Against U.S. Corporations on the Rise](#)

New York Times, May 12, 2013