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**Statement of Research Subcommittee Chairman Larry Bucshon (R-Ind)
Hearing on Applications for Information Technology Research & Development**

Chairman Bucshon: First, I want to welcome everyone today. This is my first hearing as Chairman of the Research Subcommittee and I look forward to working with the Ranking Member, Mr. Lipinski, on this and many other issues in the 113th Congress.

The topic of this afternoon's hearing, Applications for Information Research & Development, is important to our national security, global competitiveness and technological innovation. This hearing will provide us with examples of practical applications and the benefits of Federal investment in networking and information technology R&D.

The Networking and Information Technology Research and Development program, or NITRD, was originally authorized in 1991 in the High Performance and Computing Act. It coordinates the networking and information R&D efforts of 15 Federal member agencies, including DHS, NASA, NIH, EPA and the Department of Energy. The program is the main R&D investment portfolio of member agencies in networking, computing, software, cyber security and related information technologies totaling over \$3.7 billion in FY2013.

R&D in NIT provides a greater understanding of how to protect essential systems and networks that support fundamental sectors of our economy, from emergency communications and power grids to air-traffic control networks and national defense systems. NIT R&D works to prevent or minimize disruptions to critical information infrastructure, to protect public and private services, to detect and respond to threats while mitigating the severity of and assisting in the recovery from those threats, in an effort to support a more stable and secure nation.

As technology rapidly advances, the need for NIT research and development continues to evolve. NITRD works to prevent duplicative and overlapping R&D efforts, thereby enabling more efficient use of brainpower and resources, while remaining good stewards of taxpayer's money.

Today our witnesses will share their professional perspectives on how NITRD applies to the quality of American's everyday lives.

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