

## OPENING STATEMENT

**The Honorable Mo Brooks (R-AL), Chairman**  
Subcommittee on Research and Science Education  
*Protecting information in the Digital Age:*  
*Federal Cybersecurity Research and Development Efforts*

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Thank you Chairman Quayle. Good morning, and welcome to each of our witnesses. As my fellow Chairman already pointed out, our hearing topic today, cybersecurity, is a dynamic issue area that plays a role in a myriad of fields from our Nation's infrastructure to our private lives. It is an issue that is not only of interest to the government and industry, but also affects each of us personally.

The Research and Science Education Subcommittee, of which I am the Chairman, shares jurisdiction of this issue with the Technology and Innovation Subcommittee for a number of reasons. In large part, this is due to the essential basic research taking place on cyber-related issues, conducted in large part through the National Science Foundation's Directorate for Computer and Information Science and Engineering (CISE). Likewise, NSF has an important role to fill regarding the cybersecurity workforce pipeline and education.

In addition, the Subcommittee also authorizes and has oversight over the cyber-related work of the interagency Networking and Information Technology Research and Development program (NITRD). NITRD coordinates the Nation's unclassified federal research development efforts in cybersecurity.

Today our witnesses include a number of Federal agency representatives who will be able to discuss specific agency priorities related to cybersecurity research and development, as well as the larger issue of collaboration and coordination across the Federal government.

While I recognize and understand the essential functions of cybersecurity research and development, I am looking forward to an earnest discussion on the recent FY12 budget requests. NSF's CISE Directorate requested over \$728 million for FY12, a 17.7 percent increase from FY10. The FY12 budget request for the NITRD Program is \$3.866 billion, a \$73 million dollar increase over FY10 expenditures.

Our role in Congress is to ensure that Federal investments are made wisely, and once made, investments must produce significant value for the Nation. I look forward to our discussion today.

Thank you for joining us.