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Congress Has Role to Play in Fostering Encryption Dialogue, Says CTA

Arlington, VA - March 1, 2016 - The following statement is attributed to Gary Shapiro, president and CEO, Consumer Technology Association (CTA), formerly Consumer Electronics Association (CEA)[®], regarding the introduction of the McCaul-Warner legislation to establish the National Commission on Security and Technology Challenges:

"Our industry has helped avert crime and fight terrorism by building secure products, cooperating with law enforcement officials and processing legal orders and requests for content and information. As our government considers how best to protect our national interests, we need a national discussion on how digital security will affect us in the future. We like this proposal because it fosters the concept of an open dialogue among all interested Americans including technologists, law enforcement officials and Congress to explore the relationship between privacy, security and encryption."

Read Gary Shapiro's latest column on this debate, "We Can't Make it Easier to Compromise our Data."

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