

Why Government and Business Must Unite in Stopping Cyberattacks

Recent cyberattacks “underscore the significance of ransomware in particular – and cyber vulnerabilities more broadly,” writes Chris Roberti, U.S. Chamber Senior Vice President for Cyber, Intelligence, and Supply Chain Security Policy, [at CNBC](#).

Collaboration is needed: Both government and the private sector play vital roles. “No company has a chance when fighting against nation-state actors alone, regardless of the resources it may devote to cybersecurity,” Roberti writes. “Nor can the government fight these actors alone. It is often private sector networks that are attacked, and the private sector provides the innovation necessary to detect and defeat attacks.”

- **Government’s role:** “The U.S. government has the responsibility – and international authority – to act decisively against cyber attackers, stop them from operating with impunity, hold them accountable, and deter them from future malign activities,” explains Roberti.
- **The private sector’s role:** “The Chamber recommends that businesses of all sizes take steps to improve their cyber defenses, develop an incident response plan, and build relationships with the law enforcement officials responsible for assisting when an attack occurs,” he adds.

What we’re doing: Having top-notch staff in the federal government is critical, and the Chamber is advocating to get them in place.

- This week, the Chamber sent letters to the Senate supporting the nominations of [Jen Easterly](#) to be Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) and [Chris Inglis](#) to be the nation’s first National Cyber Director.

Why it matters: Everyday, cyberattacks occur against employers, nonprofits, and all levels of government. Business and government must collaborate to protect our companies and citizens.

Resources to protect your business:

- [Global Cyber Alliance Cybersecurity Toolkit for Small Business](#)
- [CISA’s Ransomware Guide](#)
- [U.S. Secret Service’s guide to Preparing for a Cyber Incident](#)