

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Christopher C. Krebs
Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Under Secretary
National Protection and Program Directorate
Department of Homeland Security
Washington, D.C. 20528

Dear Mr. Krebs:

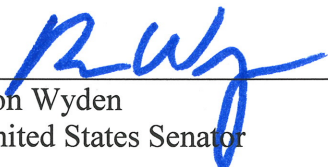
We write to urge the Department of Homeland Security publish additional information about incidents in which cellular surveillance devices have been detected in the National Capital Region.

In a March 26, 2018 letter to Senator Wyden, you revealed that DHS "has observed anomalous activity in the National Capital Region (NCR) that appears to be consistent with International Mobile Subscriber Identity (IMSI) catchers. NPPD has not validated or attributed such activity to specific entities or devices."


DHS has in recent months shared additional information about these and other incidents with federal agencies. Specifically, an official from the DHS National Coordinating Center for Communications (NCC) gave a detailed presentation on "Mobile Threats" at the Federal Mobile Technology Forum in Mclean, VA on February 6, 2018. While informative, the unclassified material in this presentation to federal employees was marked For Official Use Only (FOUO). Please remove the FOUO designation from the slides used at this presentation and make them available for public release.

The American people have a legitimate interest in understanding the extent to which U.S. telephone networks are vulnerable to surveillance and are being actively exploited by hostile actors.

Sincerely,



Ron Wyden
United States Senator



Cory Gardner
United States Senator



Edward J. Markey
United States Senator



Rand Paul
United States Senator