

**U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY**

HEARING CHARTER

Tuesday, September 13, 2016

TO: Members, Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

FROM: Majority Staff, Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

SUBJECT: Full Committee hearing “Protecting the 2016 Elections from Cyber and Voting Machine Attacks”

The Committee on Science, Space, and Technology will hold a hearing titled *Protecting the 2016 Elections from Cyber and Voting Machine Attacks* on Tuesday, September 13, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2318 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

Hearing Purpose:

The Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) established the federal Election Assistance Commission (EAC) and requires the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to work with the EAC on technical, voluntary guidelines for voting. Since the voting process is regulated at the state level, the methods by which voter registration databases are managed and the ways that voters cast their ballots vary, and therefore, different guidance may be followed depending on the state.

The purpose of the hearing is to review the current voluntary guidelines for protecting voting and election systems, and whether such guidelines and protections are being effectively implemented in advance of the upcoming elections. This review will include the security of the election system in its entirety, including the security of: electronic voting machines, votes transmitted over the internet through email or e-fax, voter registration databases, and vote tally databases. In addition, the hearing will address the research and development that is underway to protect future voting and election systems.

Witness List

- **Dr. Charles H. Romine**, Director, Information Technology Laboratory, National Institute of Standards and Technology
- **Hon. Tom Schedler**, Secretary of State, State of Louisiana
- **Mr. David Becker**, Executive Director, The Center for Election Innovation & Research
- **Dr. Dan S. Wallach**, Professor, Department of Computer Science and Rice Scholar, Baker Institute for Public Policy, Rice University

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