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Dear Chairman Chaffetz and Ranking Member Cummings,

I am writing regarding the recent cyber-security attack that compromised the personal information of four to eighteen million federal employees, retirees contractors, and their families. As the President of the International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers (IFPTE), representing tens of thousands civilian federal workers and tens of thousands more who are retired, we recommend that your Committee introduce and work to pass legislation directing the government to take the following additional actions immediately:

1. Make credit monitoring permanent for all federal employees, and extend monitoring services to their spouses and children;
2. Increase the loss coverage from \$1 million to \$3 million for any adverse consequence of the breach;
3. Provide loss coverage retroactively for any losses incurred due to security lapses as far back as January, 2013;
4. Block the use of credit scores as the sole basis for denying or revoking security clearances;
5. Implement dual-factor authentication for all on-line/phone access to any federal employee databases (especially payroll and TSP) by the end of FY16 (and request emergency appropriations if need be), and;
6. Direct the formation of a task force made up of the labor leaders (at least all NCR holders), agency heads or their designees, and IT security experts to come up with specific recommendations on how to mitigate any adverse consequences to employees and their agencies, as well as how to prevent future incidents.

IFPTE remains very concerned with the potential personal and professional ramifications for years to come from this catastrophic security breach. We believe that the federal government has an obligation to do far more than has already been done, or has said will be done, to assist federal employees and their families as they navigate through this very difficult situation. Unfortunately the response by OPM thus far has been far from perfect, to put it mildly.

We hope that you will move forward with introducing and adopting bipartisan legislation that encompasses the above stipulated recommendations.

Thank you for your consideration. We stand ready to work with you in this effort.

Sincerely,

Gregory J. Junemann,
President