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COMPETITION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES
AND THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY**

July 24, 2025

The Honorable Kristi Noem
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Secretary Noem, Dr. Gottumukkala, and Mr. Murray:

We write to request a briefing on the June cyberattack on Arizona's state systems. We request this to be a Member-level briefing by August 15, 2025, to go over the contours of the attack, the efforts to secure Arizona's systems, and the cybersecurity coordination efforts between the federal and state governments across the country to keep our critical cybersecurity infrastructure secure.

Reporting indicates that the Iranian government or its affiliates are likely responsible for a cyberattack that breached Arizona's candidate web portal last month,¹ starting two days after the June 21 U.S. bombing of Iran. The hacker, who gained access to a server at the Arizona Secretary of State's office on June 23, changed candidate profile photos to a red and black image of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, the leader of the 1979 revolution that established Iran as an Islamic republic. The same IP address attempted to attack other, unnamed, Arizona agencies and other states.

¹ [12 News Arizona](#)

The United States is facing a more complex and dangerous security environment than ever before. A variety of foreign cybercriminals are targeting our advanced commercial capabilities, critical infrastructure, and economic well-being. At the same time, our federal cybersecurity agencies are facing cuts and downsizing – including at the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency. This puts at risk our ability to quickly identify and stop attacks. We must build resilient systems that can protect against malicious attacks, including in Arizona.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter. We look forward to the briefing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Stanton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Greg Stanton
Member of Congress