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The Honorable Edward R. Royce  
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 5576, the Cyber Deterrence and Response Act of 2018. As you know, certain provisions of the bill fall within the jurisdiction of Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

Based on your consultation with the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and so the bill may proceed expeditiously to the House Floor, I agree to discharging the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform from further consideration of H.R. 5576. I agree that forgoing formal consideration of the bill will not prejudice the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform with respect to any future jurisdictional claim, and I appreciate your agreement to support appointment of members of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform as conferees in any House-Senate conference on this or related legislation. In addition, I request the Committee be consulted and involved as the bill or similar legislation moves forward so we may address any remaining issues within our jurisdiction.

Finally, I request you include your letter and this response in the bill report filed by the Committee on Foreign Affairs, as well as in the *Congressional Record* during consideration of the bill on the floor.

Sincerely,



Trey Gowdy

cc: The Honorable Paul D. Ryan, Speaker  
The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings  
The Honorable Eliot L. Engel  
The Honorable Thomas J. Wickham, Jr., Parliamentarian