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The Honorable  
Debbie Dingell  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Dingell:

Thank you for your letter of July 21 regarding your interest in the status of the Office of the Coordinator for Cyber Issues (S/CCI). The Department of State is committed to leading the international community on cyber policy and digital economy issues. As you note, recent developments and emerging trends indicate that these issues will only become more important in coming years. Cyber policy and the digital economy are priorities for American foreign policy and the redesign will reflect this imperative.

In recognition of the opportunities and challenges that lay ahead and the increasing convergence of cyber security and digital economy issues, it is clear that cyber statecraft requires a more deliberate and systematic treatment than the stand-alone office of a coordinator can provide. Accordingly, the Secretary's August 28 letter notified Congress of the Department's plan to take the initial step of unifying its cyber policy and international communications and information policy experts within the Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs. This consolidated team will be led, resourced, and organized to execute a comprehensive and fully integrated cyber policy and digital economy strategy.

The Department is engaged in an ongoing process to consult employees and leaders within the relevant offices, invite the input of our partners across the federal cyber community, and meet with leading experts and practitioners outside of government to ensure that the cyber redesign is well informed and durable for an uncertain future. As the Department's broader redesign is implemented in coming weeks and months, we look forward to working with Congress to position the Department to lead within the interagency and around the world on cyber policy and digital economy issues.

We hope that this information is helpful to you and look forward to sharing more information about the Department's cyber policy agenda and the organizational redesign in coming weeks. Please let us know if we may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charles S. Faulkner".

Charles S. Faulkner  
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