



May 28, 2019

Ranking Member Steve Chabot
2069 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Chabot:

The National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) was founded in 1975 in Washington, D.C. to serve as the first advocacy organization for all women business owners. Nearly forty-four years later we are proud to carry on the tradition of our founders and represent the more than 10 million women business owners in this country.

Women business owners are a diverse subset of our nation's business community and a significant contributor to our nation's economy. Within our NAWBO membership, 25% of NAWBO members exceed more than \$1M in annual revenue. In addition, we are proud to represent solopreneurs, microbusiness owners, and women whose businesses occupy the SME space.

On behalf of our membership, I am writing to commend you for introducing the Small Business Advanced Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2019, which would direct the Small Business Administration in coordination with the Department of Commerce to create a central small business cybersecurity assistance unit as well as small business cybersecurity assistance units in each small business development center.

Our most recent National Membership Survey shows that up to 46% of our members have not done anything to prevent or prepare for a cybersecurity incident. Small businesses are too frequently the target of cyberattacks and too often are the least prepared to not only protect their company from a cyberattack but also recover from it. According to a report from the U.S. National Cyber Security Institute, 60% of all small companies that succumb to a cyberattack go out of business within six months.

We applaud you for your work on this important issue in a bipartisan manner.

It is my pleasure to convey our organization's support for this legislation and our readiness to work with you moving forward.

Sincerely,

Molly Gimmel
NAWBO National Board Chair

