Every day millions of people’s privacy and security are threatened by sophisticated fraudsters and rogue state actors. A lack of regulatory standards and accountability leaves all of us vulnerable.

Here’s how to help secure data and protect Americans’ privacy:

1. We need a federal data security law that holds each link in the transaction journey accountable to:
   - Incentivize market participants to strengthen weak security.
   - Foster fair-share responsibility.
   - The current patchwork makes it easier for hackers to identify and expose vulnerable targets.
   - Americans must be protected by strong data protection rules consistent across every state, city and rural town across the country. These rules must be supplemented by consistent notification requirements to ensure consumers are aware of violations that can cause harm.

   FACT:
   Hackers are skilled in attacking the weakest security link.

   Since 2005 more than 10,000 & 11.6 billion DATA BREACHES & RECORDS EXPOSED

   If Congress is serious about protecting Americans, then it’s time for REAL SOLUTIONS to data security and privacy.

2. Standardize the patchwork of regulations

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   FACT: Hackers are often linked to foreign entities looking to disrupt U.S. interests.

   • Foreign actors and governments are often directly or indirectly linked to attacks.
   • Data security and privacy needs to be a national security priority.

   THE BOTTOM LINE

   Fix weak links

   Protect American interests