



# COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY

*Ranking Member Bennie G. Thompson*

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## **Markup Statement of Ranking Member Bennie G. Thompson (D-MS)**

### ***Full Committee Markup***

**September 3, 2025**

I am pleased that the Committee is considering H.R. 2261, the “Strengthening Oversight of DHS Intelligence Act,” authored by Rep. Hernandez of Puerto Rico. The bill would ensure that the information and intelligence distributed by DHS to protect communities does not infringe upon Americans’ constitutional rights.

The bill was reported favorably out of the Counterterrorism and Intelligence Subcommittee in March. I look forward to a similar outcome before the full committee today. Thank you to Rep. Hernandez for his leadership on this important issue.

I am also pleased the Committee is considering the “Pipeline Security Act” offered by Rep. Johnson of Texas. The bill would codify TSA’s longstanding role as the primary Federal agency with oversight of pipeline security. The 2021 Colonial Pipeline cyberattack highlighted the importance of strengthening TSA’s statutory authority on pipeline security. I commend Rep. Johnson for her efforts on this bill.

Finally, Mr. Chairman, I am pleased that you are committed to extending the authorities provided by the Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act of 2015 (CISA 2015). I have long been committed to ensuring these foundational authorities do not lapse.

Having said that, I am concerned that the process used to vet changes to the legislation was cut short unnecessarily. Given the critical nature of CISA 2015’s authorities, Committee Democrats advocated for a clean extension to allow stakeholders a more fulsome review of proposed edits to the legislation. I still believe that would be the best approach but appreciate the edits you agreed to in the hours before the markup to address several concerns from stakeholders.

More improvements will be necessary as the legislative process moves forward, and I am glad to have your commitment to working with us on those changes. We will hold you to it.

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