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## **CONGRESSWOMAN SHEILA JACKSON LEE OF TEXAS**

H.R. 3523, "The Cyberintelligence Sharing and Protection Act (CISPA)

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**Threats to Transportation Infrastructure** 

Amendment 10 (Jackso\_ 373)

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**Talking Points** 

- Mr. Chairman, my amendment would ensure that DHS takes a hard look at the cybersecurity risks to our Nation's "transportation systems" sector and gives owners and operators some tools to address those risks.
- As the Ranking Member of the Transportation Security Subcommittee, I am well aware of the fact that today's transportation systems are increasingly complex and integrated systems.
- Today, communications and information technology are central to efforts to increase the efficiency and functionality of transportation systems.

- With this expanded functionality and reliance on information technology systems, our vulnerability to cyber attack across our transportation systems becomes heightened.
- Therefore, we must ensure that the Department of Homeland Security and transportation stakeholders conduct a risk assessment of the emerging cybersecurity vulnerabilities associated with our Nation's surface, mass transit, and aviation sectors.
- My amendment also requires that the Department develop "Best Practices" that tailored to the unique realities of running ground as well as aviation transportation systems.

- Transportation security remains one of our most critical infrastructures and so I urge my colleagues to stand with me and vote "yes" on this amendment and secure this vital system against cyber attack.
- With that, I yield back.