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U.S. House of Representatives
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Sen. Susan Collins
Chair, Senate Committee on Appropriations
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Rep. Rosa DeLauro
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Dear U.S. House and Senate Appropriations Leaders:

As representatives of state and local government membership organizations, we urge you to reinstate federal funding for the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC). Representing a non-partisan coalition of state and local government organizations, our members rely on the MS-ISAC to safeguard our nation's critical infrastructure and services against the ever-evolving landscape of cyber, physical, and information operation threats – including threats from foreign adversaries.

Every day, we use MS-ISAC's services to protect the private data of citizens and the operation of hundreds of thousands of public schools, hospitals, utilities, law enforcement, courts, and other essential critical infrastructure across the country. MS-ISAC helps us prevent expensive data breaches and thwart increasingly sophisticated attacks. Exploitation of the cyber domain almost always has a harmful impact on the physical world. Without federal funding, our members will be left to combat foreign cyber and multidimensional threats on their own.

The loss of federal funding will create significant vulnerabilities for rural and small communities that often lack the resources to manage cybersecurity threats independently. It will lead to gaps in critical security services, making state and local governments more susceptible to cyberattacks, undermining public trust and safety. In short, without MS-ISAC's services, many of its members will not be able to maintain the security of their public services.

For over 20 years, the MS-ISAC has proven its effectiveness. State and local governments have tackled cybersecurity threats alongside federal entities using MS-ISAC services to exchange actionable intelligence. It is essential for cybersecurity and emergency communications. In 2024 alone, MS-ISAC's services helped us:

- Detect more than 43,000 potential cyberattacks to state and local networks and escalate them to affected organizations 97 percent faster than commercial alternatives



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- Identify and prevent more than 59,000 potential malware and ransomware attacks to state and local endpoints, like workstations and servers
- Prevent 25 billion connections to malicious sites online, each a potential starting point for a cyberattack
- Block 5.4 million known malicious or suspicious emails

The decades-long partnership between the MS-ISAC, Congress, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, reinforced by the State and Local Government Cybersecurity Act, is vital for maintaining the security and resilience of our country. This partnership is a testament to the importance of collaboration in addressing cybersecurity challenges and constitutes one of the most effective and efficient uses of the federal taxpayers' investment.

In closing, we respectfully urge Congress to recognize the critical importance of the MS-ISAC and to restore the necessary federal funding to previous fiscal year levels, at a minimum, to support its operations. The work of MS-ISAC is vital to the security and resilience of our communities—and of our nation's critical infrastructure. We stand ready to work with Congress to ensure that the MS-ISAC, an indispensable partner in these collective efforts, continues to safeguard state and local governments and American critical infrastructure against cyber threats at home and abroad.

Thank you for your attention to this pressing matter.

Sincerely,

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