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Please see documents attached. Thank you.

RFI: Evaluating and Improving Cybersecurity Resources: The Cybersecurity Framework and Cybersecurity Supply Chain Risk Management To those involved in the maintenance and improvement of our cybersecurity framework for the United States and in charge of the US's Economic Security, I am writing today to express my thoughts and concerns revolving around our nations' economic insecurity and how cybersecurity factors into it. As you know, we are into our second year of the pandemic. I feel that the response to the pandemic was inadequate. I don't find the answers I've received regarding why we were ill-prepared to be adequate. I've been dealing with government inefficiencies my whole life, and I understand that a lot of it has to do with the limitations of technology. As technology improved, so did our capabilities. So, I find that its particularly amusing and frustrating, not necessarily in equal measures; that with our advanced technological capabilities, that we are still dealing with the systems we have in place for economic prosperity; in the same manner as we have been for ages now. I've been involved in technology for almost as long as I've been dealing with the inadequacies of our government to deal with issues that crop up in a logical, timely manner. There's no real reason for it. All I hear, are excuses from people who are supposed to be not only smarter and more capable than me, but also paid more and better equipped to deal with issues. Excuses don't fix anything. If nobody is willing to tolerate my excuses, and the fact that I can lose my job over excuses; I see no reason why people who are better equipped and better paid than I am, can get away with making excuses and not fixing the problem. All of this wealth that we have, built through decades upon decades of scientific and technological innovation and progress and both international and local trade; and we are still dealing with all of these issues. I'm not particularly fond of the perception that government inefficiency and inefficiency in general, is necessary for economic and financial health. The idea that we have to continue operating on outdated and immature perceptions and modes as a way of maintaining job security and economic health, is pretty poor. If it affects the livelihoods of others, being inefficient on that scale is pretty atrocious, and it doesn't inspire strong morale in an contributing adult population. Things won't get better at all, when all we do is make excuses and not get things fixed and done. We supposedly have the best technologies, best minds, and best cybersecurity in the world, and yet I am not seeing it. I'm not seeing the best at work. I see inefficient bureaucracies that can't get tax returns, stimulus checks and welfare checks out in a timely manner. I hear of people losing their returns and checks because of security exploits that are taken advantage of. I see government agencies running on outdated software and having atrocious UIs for non-government end users to make use of. I see inefficiencies and insecurities. I see things that aren't working, and I hear about it quite often. All this does, is breed resentment, anxiety, and other useless toxic behaviours and mindsets. As I've pointed out, its not remotely conducive to morale. Its laughable to carry on the perception that America is Great and that we have the best and brightest, and that we're great and mighty, when we have so many holes in our armour and ego. We're not seeing. At all. All of this talk of America being able to compete on the international scale, and we're being outpaced by others. All of the supposed benefits we've had from Human economic flight from other countries, feels wasted and in vain, because we're so inefficient in how we do things and how we resolved problems. We're not the best. We're not great. We can be. That phrase rings hollow, because we're not putting our best foot forward. We instead let our excuses and stupid inefficient systems and

methodologies prevent us from doing things. I could easily move to another country, and benefit from better systems being in place to improve the quality of life for myself, but I grew up here and I have family here. I have a daughter now, and I very much want to be a part of her life, and its not cost effective for me to be flying in to do visits and also adds additional complications to child support. I'm optimistic about things get better, but its cautious optimism, brought on by the experiences I've had regarding the inefficiencies of our systems. I hope we can move forward to better tomorrows, starting today; not fifty years now when catastrophic climate change has ruined things far worse than they are now.