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Assemblymember Irwin Announces Hearing on State's Cybersecurity Efforts

(Sacramento, CA)- Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin (D-Thousand Oaks) will chair a Joint Committee on Cybersecurity on **Monday, April 6 from 3p.m. to 5p.m. in Room 126 of the State Capitol**. The hearing will include members of the Privacy and Consumer Protection Committee and the Select Committee Cybersecurity and will focus on policy needs and accountability of state government officials responsible for cybersecurity.

The United States and California, in particular, are in a cybersecurity crisis; so much so that the White House has already released two Executive Orders on this issue in the past two months. Cyber-attacks are becoming larger, more frequent, and more sophisticated; and our state government is a priority target because of the value of our information and overall economy. The state is responsible for defending its networks and assets, as well as the critical networks that Californians rely on for services. Cyber-attacks have become so bad that yesterday President Obama declared a National Emergency to address the cyber threats. It is time to take a closer look at what the state is doing to protect our economic well-being and the security of Californians.

Members of the media are invited to attend this hearing, which will be a comprehensive discussion of the issue by the primary decision makers in state government and experts from the federal government and private sector. Participants and agenda for the hearing are listed below:

- Governor's Office of Emergency Services -- Director Mark Ghilarducci
- Department of Technology -- Director Carlos Ramos and State CISO Michelle Robinson
- California Military Dept. -Major General David Baldwin and Vice Chief of Staff, Colonel Steven Butow
- California Highway Patrol -- Chief Information Officer Scott Howland
- Michael McNerney – Senior Consultant, Delta Risk and Former Pentagon Cyber Policy Advisor
- Raj Shaw -- Senior Director for Strategy, Palo Alto Networks and Former US Cyber Command

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Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin represents California's 44th Assembly District, which includes the communities of Camarillo, Casa Conejo, Channel Islands Beach, El Rio, Lake Sherwood, Moorpark, Oak Park, Oxnard, Port Hueneme, Santa Rosa Valley, Thousand Oaks, and Westlake Village.