# House retirements thinning tech and cybersecurity policy leadership

## Retirements may lead to cyber and tech policy brain drain for the 116th Congress

**Jeb Hensarling (R-TX05)**

The Financial Services Committee Chair prioritized cyber security in the financial sector. Hensarling co-sponsored H.R. 1616, Strengthening State and Local Cyber Crime Fighting Act

**Lamar Smith (R-TX21)**

As chairman of the House Space, Science and Technology Committee, Smith approved a bill auditing the Department of Commerce's NIST cybersecurity framework effectiveness and oversaw hearings on DHS's ban on Kaspersky Lab products

**Trey Gowdy (R-SC04)**

Gowdy chairs the House oversight and Government Reform Committee, which has overseen measures to modernize government IT and reform the IT acquisition process.

**Bob Goodlatte (R-VA06)**

A chairman of the Judiciary Committee, Goodlatte pushed for the committee's jurisdiction to cover encryption and FISA surveillance

**Rodney Frelinghuysen (R-NJ11)**

Through the House Appropriations Committee, Frelinghuysen pushed for funding to combat cyberterrorism and cybercrime.

**Ed Royce (R-CA39)**

Chairman of the House Foreign Relations Committee, prioritized cyber diplomacy in Congress and fought for the State Department to retain its cyber bureau.

Sources: National Journal Research, 2018; Congress.gov, 2018; Tim Starks, "Facebook, Cyber Command, DHS budget on returning congressional agenda," Politico Morning Cybersecurity, April 9, 2018; "National Defense and Security," 2018. Frelinghuysen.house.gov; Derek B. Johnson, "What does the House retirement wave mean for tech?," FCW, February 26, 2018.

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### Darrell Issa
### (R-CA49)

Issa has contributed to technology modernization and data privacy efforts throughout his time in Congress.

In 2010, he chaired the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee and supported updating the 2002 Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA) provisions

He promoted bipartisan measures to address cybersecurity challenges



### Blake Farenthold
### (R-TX27)

Farenthold, a member of the House Homeland Security Committee, resigned after accusations of sexual harassment.

He sponsored many pieces of cybersecurity legislation, including H.R. 2481 to strengthen government oversight of the vulnerabilities-equities process



### Dave Reichert
### (R-WA08)

As the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Trade, Reichert has pushed for IRS reforms to include greater cybersecurity measures in the tax system and better protection for taxpayer identities

He has also co-sponsored technology upgrades for more secure energy systems

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# Senate retirements thinning tech and cybersecurity policy leadership

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### Orrin Hatch
### (R-UT)

Hatch sponsored S. 1475, Promoting Good Cyber Hygiene Act, and co-sponsored S. 1693, Stop Enabling Sex Traffickers Act. As chairman of the Senate Finance committee he oversaw efforts to regulate data breach notification requirements after the Equifax breach



### Bob Corker
### (R-TN)

Corker, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, pushed for sanctions against Russia in response to their interference in the US Political system, including the 2016 presidential election.

Sources: National Journal Research, 2018; Congress.gov, 2018; Joe Uchill, "Overnight Cybersecurity: Corker says Trump officials implementing Russia sanctions," The Hill, October 26, 2017; Tim Starks, "Everything that didn't happen on cybersecurity in Congress last year," Politico Morning Cybersecurity, January 3, 2018.