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**COMMISSIONER SIMINGTON APPLAUDS PASSAGE OF THE SECURE  
EQUIPMENT ACT OF 2021**

WASHINGTON, D.C., October 29, 2021—Today, FCC Commissioner Nathan Simington issued a statement on the passage of the Secure Equipment Act of 2021.

Commissioner Simington said:

“Congratulations to Congresswoman Eshoo and Congressmen Scalise on the passage of their Secure Equipment Act of 2021. Once signed, this important legislation will give the FCC crucial authority to protect American networks from untrustworthy equipment that can serve as footholds for China and other foreign powers to infiltrate U.S. telecommunications networks and threaten our national security. But this legislation does not complete the work of protecting our digital sovereignty. In the current digital security landscape, inadvertent flaws in wireless edge devices are as much a threat as intentionally created backdoors. The FCC must continue to engage with industry and other parts of government to identify and eliminate weaknesses that can be exploited by our adversaries.”

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