

Congressional Action on Internet Freedom and Human Rights

United States Senate

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- **Nicole Wong**, Deputy General Counsel, Google Inc
- **Michael Samway**, Vice President & Deputy General Counsel, Yahoo! Inc
- **Arvind Ganesan**, Program Director, Business & Human Rights, Human Rights Watch
- **Mark Chandler**, Senior Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary, Cisco Systems, Inc
- **Shiyu Zhou**, Deputy Director, Global Internet Freedom Consortium

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Testimony:

- **Michael J. Posner**, Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Right, and Labor, U.S. Department of State
- **Daniel J. Weitzner**, Associate Administrator for the Office of Policy Analysis Development National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce
- **Nicole Wong**, Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, Google Inc.
- **Rebecca MacKinnon**, Visiting Fellow at the Center for Information Technology Policy, Princeton University
- **Omid Memarian**, Iranian Blogger

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- **David A. Gross**, Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Communications and Information Policy, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, U.S. Department of State
- **James R. Keith**, Senior Advisor for China and Mongolia, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, U.S. Department of State
- **Michael Callahan**, Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Yahoo! Inc.
- **Jack Krumholtz**, Managing Director of Federal Government Affairs and Associate General Counsel, Microsoft Corporation
- **Elliot Schrage**, Vice President for Corporate Communications and Public Affairs, Google, Inc.
- **Mark Chandler**, Vice President and General Counsel, Cisco Systems, Inc.
- **Harry Wu**, Publisher, China Information Center
- **Libby Liu**, President, Radio Free Asia
- **Xia Qiang**, Director, China Internet Project, University of California, Berkeley
- **Lucie Morillon**, Washington Representative, Reporters Without Borders
- **Sharon Hom**, Executive Director, Human Rights in China

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Testimony:

- **Jerry Yang**, Chief Executive Officer, Yahoo! Inc.
- **Michael J. Callahan**, General Counsel, Yahoo! Inc.

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Testimony:

- **Nicole Wong**, Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, Google, Inc.
- **Rebecca MacKinnon**, Visiting Fellow, Center for Information Technology Policy, Princeton University, Cofounder of Global Voices Online
- **Robert W. Holleyman II**, President and CEO, Business Software Alliance
- **Larry M. Wortzel**, Commissioner, U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission

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Testimony:

- **Christie Jones**, Executive Vice President, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary, The Go Daddy Group
- **Sharon Hom**, Executive Director, Human Rights in China

- **Edward Black**, President and CEO, Computer & Communications Industry Association
- **Rebecca MacKinnon**, Visiting Fellow, Center for Information Technology Policy, Princeton University, Cofounder of Global Voices Online
- **Ambassador Mark Palmer**, former US Ambassador to Hungary and Vice Chairman of Freedom House and the Council for a Community of Democracies

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Testimony:

- **Peter L. Friedman**, Law Associate, Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Gump LLP
- **James V. Feinerman**, Professor, Georgetown University Law
- **Gordon Chang**, Author and Fobes.com Columnist
- **Mitchell Silk**, Partner, Allen & Overy LLP
- **Rebecca McKinnon**, Schwartz Senior Fellow, New America Foundation
- **Rebecca Fannin**, Author, "Silicon Dragon"