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## STATEMENT FROM FCC CHAIRMAN JULIUS GENACHOWSKI ON THE FCC'S 'SMARTPHONE SECURITY CHECKER'

"With less than half of smartphone owners using passwords to protect their devices, this new tool will be of particular value to millions of Americans. The holiday gift-giving season is a perfect time to remind consumers to take simple steps, like setting a password, to protect themselves from mobile security threats."

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