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**CHAIRWOMAN ROSENWORCEL WELCOMES CONGRESSIONAL  
SUPPORT TO FULLY FUND SECURE AND TRUSTED  
COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS ACT IMPLEMENTATION**

WASHINGTON, April 21, 2023—Federal Communications Commission Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel issued the following statement today after Senators John Hickenlooper and Deb Fischer introduced the *Defend Our Networks Act*:

“We appreciate Congress’ continued efforts to support the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Reimbursement Program, and I thank Senators Hickenlooper and Fischer for their leadership and continued advocacy. We have an obligation to help ensure the safety of our Nation’s communications networks. This responsibility never ends because the threats to network security are always evolving, and why we must do all we can to fully fund the replacement of insecure equipment throughout the country.”

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