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**PAYMENTS LEADERSHIP COUNCIL COMMENDS PRESIDENT BIDEN'S EXECUTIVE ORDER TO ENHANCE CYBERSECURITY**

**Washington, D.C.** – The Payments Leadership Council's Founding Director Raj Date issued the following statement today after President Biden's signing of the [Executive Order on Improving the Nation's Cybersecurity](#).

"We applaud President Biden's recent executive order to enhance cybersecurity. Protecting U.S. cyber assets and infrastructure is more important than ever as digital networks play a critical role in powering and growing the economy in the U.S. and around the world, including payments, energy, healthcare, and education systems. The payments industry defends attacks against our systems every day, while investing millions into new cybersecurity technologies to keep our customers safe.

Recent high-profile cyberattacks demonstrate the need to harden our nation's cyberdefenses and response protocols, and ensure the public and private sectors are working together. The payments industry will continue to work collaboratively with the federal government and further explore a cross-sector risk management approach to threat identification, mitigation, and response to future attacks as a core component of U.S. national security."

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