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**READOUT: Commerce Secretary Gina M. Raimondo Meets With Payments Leadership Council CEOs**

**Washington, D.C.** – Yesterday, CEOs of U.S. based payments companies from the [Payments Leadership Council](#) (PLC) met with U.S. Secretary of Commerce Gina M. Raimondo to discuss shared public policy priorities, including expanding broadband access, improving public-private cybersecurity collaboration, and maintaining U.S. leadership in payments.

Expanding broadband access is a key priority for the Department of Commerce and the member companies of the PLC. Secretary Raimondo emphasized the department's commitments to investing in American competitiveness, strengthening our nation's infrastructure, and leveling the playing field for American businesses of all sizes.

CEOs of PLC member companies commended the Secretary and Department of Commerce for engaging the business community in their transformational efforts to expand access to affordable, reliable, high-speed Internet service for all Americans. PLC members [reiterated](#) support for the administration's commitment to significant broadband investments which will expand economic opportunity and improve financial access in traditionally underserved communities. All parties agreed that continued public-private sector partnership will be of paramount importance in modernizing the nation's internet infrastructure and empowering a more equitable economy.

To prepare for opportunities and challenges in an increasingly digital economy worldwide, PLC members also expressed a desire to collaborate with the department to improve threat information-sharing between the government and private sector, and to ensure that U.S.-led payments innovations are widely accessible and encouraged in the global markets.

The following CEOs and representatives of the PLC joined Secretary Raimondo:

- Stephen J. Squeri, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, American Express
- Roger Hochschild, Director, Chief Executive Officer, and President, Discover Financial Services
- Gary Norcross, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, FIS

- Frank J. Bisignano, President and Chief Executive Officer, Fiserv
- Jeff Sloan, Chief Executive Officer, Global Payments
- Michael Miebach, Chief Executive Officer, Mastercard
- Al Kelly Jr., Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Visa Inc.
- Raj Date, Founding Director, Payments Leadership Council

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