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Jenaly Technology president offers advice on IT security

PORTSMOUTH — MJ Shoer, president of Jenaly Technology Group, testified before the congressional House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform recently on the state of federal information security.

The hearing was called to examine issues relating to the current state of information security throughout the federal government as it relates to modifications to the Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA) as well as proposed extensions of IT security regulations.

Shoer testified on behalf of the Computing Technology Industry Association (CompTIA), of which he is a former member of the Board of Directors.

Shoer communicated his concern that current and proposed legislation do not adequately address the issue of verifiable training for those workers who come in contact with sensitive data.

In addition, he said that whatever legislative action may be taken, that it set achievable goals, based on industry standards, thereby enabling the federal government to lead by example. As several states, including neighboring Massachusetts, are enacting their own information security legislation, Shoer reinforced concern that the business community not be unfairly burdened with having to comply with what could become 51 different standards, which could severely limit economic growth at time when we are working to stimulate it as effectively as possible.

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