

Speaker Ryan: Names members to Cyberspace Solarium Commission

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WASHINGTON—House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-WI) today announced that he has appointed Rep. Mike Gallagher (R-WI), Dr. Samantha Ravich, and Mr. Frank Cilluffo to the Cyberspace Solarium Commission.

The commission, established by the *National Defense Authorization Act*, aims to develop a clear path forward for U.S. cybersecurity policy, protecting and securing America's interests against ever-growing cyber threats from around the world.

"As we face 21st-century challenges, cybersecurity is becoming an increasingly significant piece of our national security," Speaker Ryan said. *"These appointees bring significant depth and experience in the cybersecurity field. Rep. Gallagher has led the way on this issue in Congress, advancing policies to defend against cyber threats. Dr. Ravich brings a long career and immense expertise in intelligence, with special knowledge in critical regions of the world. And Mr. Cilluffo has served as a trusted advisor to government and intelligence officials in this field for decades. They are highly qualified to help shape our country's cybersecurity policy, and I am grateful that they have agreed to serve."*

About Rep. Mike Gallagher: Rep. Mike Gallagher (R-WI) represents Wisconsin's Eighth District in Congress. He served for seven years in the United States Marine Corps, earning the rank of Captain. He served as a Counterintelligence/Human Intelligence Officer and Regional Affairs Officer for the Middle East/North Africa, and was deployed twice to Al Anbar Province in Iraq as a commander of intelligence teams. He served on General Patreaus' Central Command Assessment Team in the Middle East, and has worked for the National Counterterrorism Center and the Drug Enforcement Agency. He also previously worked as a staff member for Middle East, North Africa and Counterterrorism on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and for a company in the global energy industry. Rep. Gallagher holds a bachelor's degree from Princeton University, a master's in security studies from Georgetown University, a master's in strategic intelligence from National Intelligence University, and a PhD in international relations from Georgetown University.

About Dr. Samantha Ravich: Dr. Samantha Ravich is the chairman of the Foundation for Defense of Democracies' (FDD) Transformative Cyber Innovation Lab and the principal investigator on FDD's Cyber-Enabled Economic Warfare Project. She also serves as a senior advisor at FDD, and is on the organization's Board of Advisors of the Center on Sanctions and Illicit Finance. She is a member of the President's Intelligence Advisory Board and was designated to serve as its vice chair. She previously served as deputy national security advisor to Vice President Dick Cheney, focusing on Asian and Middle East affairs, and as the Republican co-chair of the National Commission for Review of Research and Development Programs in the United States Intelligence Community. Dr. Ravich advises numerous technology, manufacturing, and services companies on cyber and geo-political threats and trends. She received her PhD in policy analysis from the RAND Graduate School and her MCP/BSE from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

About Frank Cilluffo: Frank Cilluffo is an Associate Vice President and the Director of the Center for Cyber and Homeland Security at The George Washington University. He served as special assistant to the president for homeland security under President George W. Bush and was appointed to the Office of Homeland Security following September 11th. He has also held several roles with the Center for Strategic & International Studies. He frequently advises senior officials in the executive branch, armed services, and state and local governments on matters pertaining to national security. He currently serves on the National Council of Advisors for the Center for the Study of the Presidency and Congress, and as the chairman of the National Consortium for Advanced Policing. Mr. Cilluffo has held positions on several national security committees, including the Homeland Security Advisory Council, where he was Vice Chairman of the Future of Terrorism Task Force, the Secure Borders and Open Doors Advisory Committee, and the Quadrennial Homeland Security Review Advisory Council.