

Anthem Insurance Set to Brief Congress Two Days after Disclosing Cyber Attack

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Just two days after [disclosing](#) publicly that it was “the target of a very sophisticated external cyber attack” in which the personal information of over 80 million customers was compromised, officials of Anthem Inc., the nation’s second largest health insurance company, are to [brief](#) staffers of the House Energy and Committee on the security breach. In a Committee press release, Chairman Fred Upton announced—“Every business is at risk and American consumers are anxious. That’s why we’re continuing hearings and opening new lines of investigation. . . we’re pursuing legislation to strengthen data security and certainty in the handling of breaches. . . [a]nd that’s why we’re saying enough is enough, we need to tackle head-on these cyberthreats.” According to a preliminary [report](#), investigators familiar with the probe believe that there is a possible connection to China given the similarity between the tools and techniques used against Anthem and previous cyber attacks linked to China.

This cyber attack comes at a time when there is building momentum, at both the federal and state levels, for executive action and legislative solutions focused on cybersecurity and data breaches.

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