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Dear Attendees,

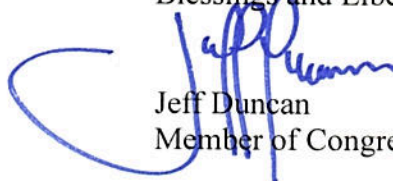
I want to take the time today to thank you for attending the South Carolina National Security Action Summit. Especially, I'd like to thank Ambassador Cooper for his dedication to raising awareness about this very grave threat, as well as for his hard work in putting together this conference. Although I could not attend in person, I appreciate the work that is being done to raise awareness and provide solutions to the very real threat to our nation's critical infrastructure and electrical power grid.

The issue of a natural and/or manmade electromagnetic pulse (EMP) is a serious threat that faces our country today. Former CIA Director R. James Woolsey warned Congress in 2013 that "our cyber and information warfare doctrines are dangerously blind to the likelihood that a potential adversary making an all-out information warfare campaign designed to cripple U.S. critical infrastructures would include an EMP attack." Numerous events in recent years have shown that the United States is vulnerable to an attack, whether it be an attack by nuclear-armed terrorists or a solar super-storm.

As a Member of the House Committee on Homeland Security and the Congressional EMP Caucus, chaired by Representative Trent Franks, I am working to bring more attention and awareness to this very serious issue and working with my House colleagues to further improve grid security. I have cosponsored legislation that would provide hardware based solutions designed to protect our electric grid against the adverse effects of an EMP, which would save U.S. lives and money. As rogue nations such as North Korea, Iran, and Russia continue to threaten the United States and our allies, it is vital to our national security that the United States homeland does not remain vulnerable to an EMP attack.

In conclusion, I'd like to thank everyone for attending today's conference. As the world becomes more reliant on technology, it is imperative that we take every measure necessary to remain vigilant against these threats.

Blessings and Liberty,



Jeff Duncan
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