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SENATOR SLADE GORTON TO TESTIFY ON CHINA'S CYBER THEFT OF AMERICAN IP

WASHINGTON, D.C. (June 24, 2013) – Senator Slade Gorton will testify Tuesday, June 25, on Capitol Hill on the tremendous harm suffered by American businesses and industries from China's theft of intellectual property. He will address the Congressional-Executive Commission on China (CECC) at the hearing, "Chinese Hacking: Impact on Human Rights and Commercial Rule of Law." Senator Slade Gorton will draw on his expertise as a member of the Commission on the Theft of American Intellectual Property (IP Commission), as well as a former U.S. senator from Washington State, and will speak to the Commission's groundbreaking findings and recommendations that were announced in May 2013.

This hearing will be streamed live online and is available at:

<http://www.cecc.gov/pages/roundtables/general/roundtable5/index.php>

WHEN: Tuesday, June 25, 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

WHERE: Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room 538, Washington, D.C.

WHO: Senator Slade Gorton is a member of the Commission on the Theft of American Intellectual Property. Previously, Senator Gorton served as a Commissioner on the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States. He represented Washington State in the United States Senate for 18 years, from 1981 to 1987 and 1989 to 2001. While in the Senate, Gorton served on the Appropriations; Budget; Commerce, Science and Transportation; and Energy and Natural Resources Committees. He served as chairman of the Interior Appropriations Subcommittee (1995–2001), the Commerce Subcommittees on Consumer Affairs (1995–99), and Aviation (1999–2000). He was also a member of the Republican leadership as counsel to the majority leader (1996–2000). Gorton began his political career in 1958 as a Washington State representative; he went on to serve as State House majority leader. In 1968, he was elected attorney general of Washington State, where he argued 14 cases before the U.S. Supreme Court. He currently serves as counselor to The National Bureau of Asian Research, which is home to the Slade Gorton International Policy Center.

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ABOUT THE IP COMMISSION: Formed in 2012, The Commission on the Theft of American Intellectual Property is an independent initiative representing the sectors of research, defense, academia, government, labor, and business. The Commission is dedicated to examining the causes and impact of IP theft on U.S. strategic and economic interests and recommending policy solutions to the administration and Congress. The Commission's findings and recommendations are available at www.ipcommission.org.