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As Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security from 2005 to 2009, Mr. Michael Chertoff led the country in blocking would-be terrorists from crossing our borders or implementing their plans if they were already in the country. He also transformed FEMA into an effective organization following Hurricane Katrina. At Chertoff Group, Mr. Chertoff provides high-level strategic counsel to corporate and government leaders on a broad range of security issues, from risk identification and prevention to preparedness, response and recovery.

Before heading up the Department of Homeland Security, Mr. Chertoff served as a federal judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Earlier, during more than a decade as a federal prosecutor, he investigated and prosecuted cases of political corruption, organized crime, corporate fraud, and terrorism – including the investigation of the 9/11 terrorist attacks. In addition to his role at Chertoff Group, Mr. Chertoff is also senior counsel at Covington & Burling LLP.

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Ms. Jamie Gorelick (HSAC Co-Chair) is presently a Partner at the WilmerHale law firm where she represents institutions and individuals in a wide array of matters, particularly in the regulatory and enforcement arenas, addressing issues as diverse as antitrust, environmental regulation, securities enforcement, and national security.

Ms. Gorelick was one of the longest serving Deputy Attorneys General of the U.S. In that role, she supervised the entire Department of Justice, including its litigation and law enforcement divisions and the U.S. Attorneys’ Offices. Ms. Gorelick also served as General Counsel of the Department of Defense, where she helped structure the Department’s involvement in the consolidation of the defense industry. She was awarded the Secretary of Defense Distinguished Service Medal. Earlier in her career, Ms. Gorelick was Vice Chair of the Task Force on the Audit, Inspection, and Investigation Components of the Department of Defense. She was also Counselor to the Deputy Secretary of Energy and Assistant to the Secretary. Ms. Gorelick was a member of the bipartisan National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States (the “9/11 Commission”) and she has served on many government boards and commissions.
Ted Schlein  
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Mr. Ted Schlein is a general partner at Kleiner Perkins, and executive chairman and founding partner at Ballistic Ventures. Mr. Schlein has spent the last 35 years helping to create transformative companies.

A Midas of investing and the former chairman of the National Venture Capital Association (NVCA), Mr. Schlein has served on over 50 public and private company boards, which include many of the world’s greatest cybersecurity companies. As a company leader, he was the founding CEO of Fortify Software, which was later acquired by Hewlett-Packard.

Prior to Kleiner and Ballistic, Mr. Schlein served as vice president, Enterprise Solutions at Symantec. There he led the company’s earliest antivirus effort, which included a move into the software utilities market with the launch of a commercial antivirus solution that became the industry gold standard. Mr. Schlein is an active member of the CISA Cybersecurity Advisory Committee, National Security Institute Advisory Board, and the Council on Foreign Relations, Independent Task Force on Cybersecurity.

Ms. Sonal Shah  
Executive Vice President, Worldwide Network Operations  
United Way Worldwide  
Founding President  
The Asian American Foundation  

Ms. Sonal Shah is currently the Executive Vice President at United Way Worldwide managing the domestic and international operations. She was the Founding President of The Asian American Foundation, launching the largest non-philanthropic effort for the Asian American community. Prior to this role, Ms. Shah founded and led the Beeck Center for Social Impact & Innovation at Georgetown University. Ms. Shah, one of the foremost global leaders on social impact and innovation, has worked in government, business, and the nonprofit sectors.

During the Obama Administration, Ms. Shah served as the Deputy Assistant to the President and founding Director of the White House Office of Social Innovation and Civic Participation. More recently, Ms. Shah served as the National Policy Director for Mr. Pete Buttigieg’s run in the 2020 presidential election.

Ms. Shah spent seven years at the U.S. Department of Treasury where she was an international economist working on post conflict reconstruction and international finance. She has led efforts at Goldman Sachs developing their environmental strategy and implementation. She also led
Google’s global development initiatives focusing on finance and technology for development. She also has tremendous experience developing policy working at the Center for American Progress and the Center for Global Development focusing on trade and economic development. Ms. Shah is a co-founder of Indicorps, a nonprofit with the goal of building a new generation of socially conscious global leaders.

Ali Soufan
Chairman and CEO
The Soufan Group, LLC

Mr. Ali H. Soufan is the Chairman and CEO of The Soufan Group, LLC, and has been a member of the Homeland Security Advisory Council since September 2012.

Mr. Soufan is a former FBI Supervisory Special Agent who investigated and supervised highly sensitive and complex international terrorism cases, including the East Africa Embassy Bombings, the attack on the USS Cole, and the events surrounding the 9/11 attacks. In addition, he served on the Joint Terrorist Task Force, FBI New York Office, where he coordinated both domestic and international counterterrorism operations.