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When it comes to technology and cybersecurity, the United States is at a critical moment. The White House's recent activity, such as the Federal Cybersecurity Workforce <u>Summit</u> hosted by the Office of the National Cyber Director and the passage of a <u>semiconductor bill</u> through the Senate to reduce reliance on strategic rivals like China, are all indications of how rapidly technology is becoming more central to our futures. But with new innovations come not just new technical vulnerabilities, but also new challenges. Among these is ensuring that we don't ignore — or even worse, amplify — existing inequities when it comes to the security of the American people.

If the U.S. is to succeed in a digitized, tech-centered future, it must invest in further developing and strengthening the cybersecurity talent pipeline. And, if it is to do so successfully, then diversity, equity, and inclusion must be part of the equation.

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