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### **Statement of Congressman Tim Bishop on Missing Plum Is. Laptop**

Washington-Congressman Tim Bishop today issued a statement regarding the missing laptop from the Plum Island Animal Disease Center. Congressman Bishop was briefed about the security breach in a phone call late-Monday with Plum Island Acting Director Mark Hollander.

“After talking with Mark Hollander, I have been informed that this laptop poses no known danger to the public. While this is a very serious incident, it is important to keep that fact in perspective and not panic.

“The serious response from Homeland Security shows refreshing progress from the previous management, but the fact that a laptop could disappear from a biocontainment area underscores the significant security gap we must close.”

“While we do not yet know who stole the laptop, what we do know is that Plum Island would be more secure if we Federalized the workforce and brought back the Local 30 workers, members of the community we can trust.”

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