

Microsoft Statement to ProPublica:

“Protecting customers is always our highest priority. Our security response team takes all security issues seriously and gives every case due diligence with a thorough manual assessment, as well as cross-confirming with engineering and security partners. Our assessment of this issue received multiple reviews and was aligned with the industry consensus.

We prioritize our security response work by considering potential customer disruption, exploitability, and available mitigations. We continue to listen to the security research community and evolve our approach to ensure we are meeting customer expectations and protecting them from emerging threats. One example of this is our [Secure Future Initiative](#) commitments which we launched in November to help prepare for increasing scale and seriousness of cyberattacks as our top priority.”