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Hello,

We fit the SMB company size. The FIPS 140-2 requirement has decreased our cybersecurity posture. Firewall vendors FIPS validated versions run many revisions behind, forcing SMB's to run older versions of vulnerable firmware/software to meet the FIPS requirement.

I would like to see the FIPS requirement removed or the CSRC program beefed up to accompany FIPS validation in days after a new version is released, not months/years.

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