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Thomas MacLellan focuses on the national cybersecurity policy challenges facing state and local governments and higher education institutions. In his role, Thomas engages state and local elected officials and other senior officials within the education, homeland security, and information technology industries, to improve the nation's overall cybersecurity.

With nearly 20 years' experience in cybersecurity, forensics, privacy, energy assurance, and more, Thomas aims to educate officials on the threats facing their constituents and the solutions available to them. Previously, Thomas held director of national homeland security roles for FireEye and the National Governors Association.

In addition to training governors and other senior leaders on cybersecurity and disaster response, Thomas directed the Governors Homeland Security Advisors Council. He also created the first national effort aimed at improving states' cybersecurity. Thomas also established the first national network of governors' criminal justice policy advisors; co-created the NGA Prescription Drug Abuse Policy Academy; and helped staff the Council of Governors that resulted in the ratification of the Joint Action Plan for State-Federal Unity of Effort for Cybersecurity.

Thomas holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and Psychology from the College of the Holy Cross, as well as a homeland security degree from the Naval Postgraduate School Executive Leaders Program.