



April 17, 2012

The Honorable Mike Rogers  
Chairman, Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable C.A. "Dutch" Ruppertsberger  
Ranking Member, Permanent Select Committee on intelligence  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Re: H.R. 3523 - SUPPORT

Dear Chairman Rogers and Ranking Member Ruppertsberger:

On behalf of the membership of the Bay Area Council, I write in support of HR 3523, the Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act. We are most appreciative of the collaborative process and your willingness to work in a non-partisan manner with the private sector and privacy and civil liberties advocates to craft and refine this legislation.

The barriers to threat-sharing, if resolved, will open the door to a new era of innovation in cybersecurity solutions and jobs. The escalating threats of cyber crime, intellectual property theft, and other significant intrusions are overwhelming current abilities of many entities to react promptly and effectively. With better proactive processes, and cooperation between private entities and between the private and public sectors, we can ensure a positive change in the current trajectory. This legislation establishes the enabling framework while ensuring the protection of shared information.

The Bay Area Council is a business membership public policy advocacy organization representing many of the largest private employers in California on issues of global competitiveness, economic vitality, and sustainability. Cybersecurity is a top priority of our membership and, as such, we have been strong advocates of improvements in the current threat-sharing processes. We commend you on this bill as amended, and are pleased to support its passage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jim Wunderman'.

Jim Wunderman  
President & CEO