

April 18, 2012

The Honorable John Boehner  
Speaker  
United States House of Representatives  
1011 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Minority Leader  
United States House of Representatives  
235 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Boehner and Leader Pelosi:

Thank you for your attention to the important and complex issue of cybersecurity. Our associations believe that targeted congressional action that both preserves and promotes innovation can contribute to a more resilient global digital infrastructure. Cybersecurity is best realized through effective partnerships between the public and private sectors, as the interests of government and industry are fundamentally aligned on this issue.

The United States' information technology (IT) industry is the strongest in the world, driving economic growth, creating new businesses, generating jobs, and improving our national security. Cybersecurity innovation must outpace malicious cyber threat advancement. That is why our industry is at the forefront of efforts to improve cybersecurity, including investing billions of dollars in cybersecurity research and development (R&D) and collaboration with U.S. government agencies.

We urge you to pass legislation on the following issues that would make substantial improvements to cybersecurity: improved information sharing through H.R. 3523; reform of Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA) through H.R. 4257; and additional cybersecurity R&D through H.R. 2096 and H.R. 3834. Addressing these areas would immediately improve public and private cybersecurity infrastructure without adding unnecessary expense or bureaucracy. We appreciate your work to ensure that these measures to improve cybersecurity adequately protect privacy. We believe that progress on cybersecurity is an important step towards protection of personal information.

We also look forward to continuing to work with you to develop legislation to support enhanced criminal penalties for cybercrime and to promote a single, federal standard for data breach notification and security.

We encourage opponents of cybersecurity legislation to debate the merits energetically yet respectfully and within the best traditions of American politics. In the interest of U.S. national security, we encourage Members of Congress to work together in a bipartisan manner to advance these important measures. From the perspective of America's major innovators, there is no Republican cybersecurity or Democratic cybersecurity. There is only American cybersecurity, where urgent action is needed now.

Sincerely,

The Information Technology Industry Council  
Bay Area Council  
Computing Technology Industry Association  
CTIA - The Wireless Association  
Internet Security Alliance  
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