



April 24, 2012

The Honorable Mike Rogers
Chairman
House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
133 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Rogers:

The Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (SIFMA) support the Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act and offer its support as the bill moves through the legislative process. We believe the enactment of this bill will contribute significantly to an increase in the sharing of actionable, classified cyber threat intelligence information with the private sector and thereby increase the situation awareness and the readiness of our member firms to repel and mitigate critical threats to their networks and systems.

The sharing of information from government to industry has immense value but we are also supportive of the voluntary approach to information sharing from the private sector to the government. The act provides a solid framework and useful legal protections to encourage and permit the timely flow of actionable information. Creating an environment where cyber threat intelligence is readily available and shared is fundamental to any long-term endeavor to defend our country and make our markets more resilient.

SIFMA is extremely encouraged by this bill and its bipartisan support. We look forward to working with you as it makes its way to the House Floor.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ken Bentsen", is written over a light gray rectangular background.

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