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What They're Saying About the Cyber Information Sharing & Protection Act (CISPA)

"This is a national security issue so there are a number of members that are going to be naturally inclined to support it,"
(Quoted in Politico on April 20, 2012)

Michelle Richardson
Legislative Counsel
ACLU DC office

"I am writing on behalf of Facebook to commend you on your legislation. . ."

"More than 800 million people worldwide entrust Facebook with their information, and maintaining that trust is vital to our success and at the core of everything we do."

"Your bill will assist our efforts. . ."

Joel Kaplan
Vice President, U.S. Public Policy
Facebook

“Removing barriers to cyber intelligence sharing is vital to our national defense. H.R. 3523 would bolster the ability of the Intelligence Community and the private sector to share information and resources in the fight to protect our national security and economy from the burgeoning array of cyber threats to our critical infrastructure.”

Tim Keating
Senior Vice President, Government Operations
Boeing Company

“On behalf of Microsoft, I want to commend Intelligence Committee Chairman Mike Rogers and Ranking Member Dutch Ruppersberger for the introduction of the Cyber intelligence Sharing and Protection Act of 2011. The legislation would seek to eliminate barriers and disincentives that currently prevent effective information sharing to guard against cyber-attacks.”

Fred Humphries
Vice President, U.S. Government Affairs
Microsoft

“As leaders of the Intelligence committee you, more than most, have a keen appreciation for the severity of the threat and the degree of vulnerability our nation faces in the cyber realm.” “Lockheed Martin supports this legislation and the approach you have taken to provide a framework for better, wider sharing of vital cyber threat information.”

Gregory Dahlberg
Senior Vice President
Lockheed Martin

“TechAmerica’s website was the target of a serious and sustained denial-of-service attack last week. . . we remain steadfast in our support of the bill and its

goals. The inability to share information is one of the greatest challenges to collective efforts toward improving our cybersecurity, and we appreciate the efforts of you and your colleagues to remove those barriers in order to foster better information sharing between the government and the private sector.”

**Shawn Osborne
President and CEO
TechAmerica**

“The barriers to threat-sharing, if resolved, will open the door to a new era of innovation in cybersecurity solutions and jobs. 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.”

**Jim Wunderman
President & CEO
Bay Area Council**

“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.”

“We urge you to pass legislation on the following issues that would make substantial improvements to cybersecurity”

**The Information Technology Industry Council
Bay Area Council
Computing Technology Industry Association
CTIA - The Wireless Association
Internet Security Alliance
Semiconductor Industry Association
Silicon Valley Leadership Group
Software & Information Industry Association
Technology CEO Council**

Telecommunications Industry Association

“As cyberthreats have become more sophisticated, the need for government and private sector entities to share actionable, real-time information about attacks, threats and defensive strategies with the right people is more important than ever.”

“Your legislation is an important step forward in removing the barriers and disincentives that can prevent the kind of information sharing that is most effective in combating cyberattacks.”

**Rey Ramsey
President and CEO
TechNet**

“H.R. 3523, the ‘Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act,’ is a significant step forward in creating the culture of trust and information sharing that’s needed to strengthen protective measures across the 18 critical infrastructure sectors. We appreciate the efforts of Chairman Mike Rogers, Ranking Member Dutch Ruppersberger, and the House leadership in highlighting this important issue.”

**The North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC)
Edison Electric Institute (EEI)
American Public Power Association (APPA)
ELCON
Electric Power Supply Association (EPSA)
LPPC
National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA)
TAPS
Utilities Telecom Council (UTC)
National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC)**

“We believe H.R. 3523 will expand the much needed sharing of timely and actionable information on cyber threats and vulnerabilities. The oil and natural gas industry will benefit greatly from improvements in their detection, prevention, mitigation and response capabilities. Using sector-based cybersecurity processes and partnerships already in progress, as well as increasing collaboration between government and industry, is a necessary tool for enhancing our nation’s cybersecurity.”

Marty Durbin
Executive Vice President
American Petroleum Institute

“Promoting the sharing of cyber threat information, including real-time data, is vital in defending the country against malicious hackers, cybercriminals, and foreign agents.”

“The bill you have introduced will create an effective framework by removing many of the regulatory and legal barriers currently impeding the free flow of actionable information while also promoting commercial innovation and protecting civil liberties.”

Robert Holleyman
President and CEO
Business Software Alliance

“Increasingly, well-funded cyber adversaries are targeting our government as well as the U.S. business community, threatening our national and economic security.”

“Business Roundtable is encouraged that this approach could lead to the integration of the full resources of the U.S. government, including defense, intelligence, homeland security, diplomatic, economic and trade assets.”

John Engler
President
Business Roundtable

“Facilitating the flow of cyber threat information between the federal government and appropriately cleared private entities is a practical step to ensure a more rapid response in detecting and defeating cybersecurity threats.”

Jerry James
CEO
COMPTEL

“I write today in support of H.R. 3523, the “Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act of 2011,” which would be an important step in assisting the nation’s critical infrastructure sectors to prevent, deter and mitigate the array of cyber threats we face.”

“This bill would help address the needs of our companies by providing timely and actionable information from government partners to protect their computer networks.”

Thomas R. Kuhn
President
Edison Electric Institute

“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.”

Kenneth E. Bentsen, Jr.
EVP, Public Policy and Advocacy
Security Industry and Financial Markets Association (SIMFA)

“One key recommendation for legislation is that it should facilitate open lines of communication between the federal government and industry regarding cyber security threats and vulnerabilities to our nation’s critical infrastructure. We believe this legislation would provide companies like Exelon with access to much-needed intelligence to support our efforts to defend our assets from cyber security threats and vulnerabilities.”

Daniel C. Hill
Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer
Exelon Corporation

“Last year, NDIA’s Cyber Division identified the crucial need to achieve real-time information sharing between government and industry, and highlighted that need as one of three top issues for cybersecurity in 2012.”

“NDIA believes that the proposed legislation will play a critical role in strengthening our cybersecurity, and fulfills a need that the defense industry has repeatedly requested from the federal government.”

“We offer our full support.”

Lt. Gen. Lawrence P. Farrell Jr., USAF (Ret)
President and CEO
NDIA

“We strongly support Chairman roger’s bill to address our nation’s cybersecurity concerns. This legislation enables the intelligence community to more effectively share actionable information about cyber threats with the private sector, which is an essential component of improving cybersecurity.”

Ralph Hellmann
Senior Vice President of government Relations
Information Technology Industry

“ . . . I am writing to offer our support for the “Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act of 2011. We believe the policy changes and legal protections implemented by the bill represent meaningful improvements in the important area of information sharing for cybersecurity purposes.”

Peter M. Cleveland
Vice President, Legal and Corporate Affairs
Intel

“The Internet Security Alliance would like to commend you and Ranking Member Rep. Dutch Ruppersberger for your cybersecurity leadership. . .”

“[the bill] recognizes that government has a critical role to play in helping secure cyberspace while advancing the public-private partnership as outlined in the National Infrastructure Protection Plan.”

Larry Clinton
President and CEO
Internet Security Alliance

“Your bill would remove key legal obstacles to effective bi-directional cybersecurity information sharing between the government, including this intelligence community, and industry.”

“Finally, we commend you for your commitment to ensuring that cybersecurity information sharing legislation effectively safeguards privacy, as privacy is a constant concern of ours.”

Mary Ann Davidson
Chief Security Officer
Oracle

“This bipartisan legislation exemplifies a solid understanding of the shortfalls in the current information sharing environment and provides common sense

solutions to improve bi-directional, real time information sharing to mitigate cyber threats.” “Your bill elegantly addresses these critical success factors.”

Cheri F. McGuire
Vice president, Global Government Affairs & Cybersecurity Policy
Symantec Corporation

“The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the world’s largest business federation representing the interests of more than three million businesses and organizations of every size, sector, and region, supports the “Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act of 2011”, which would be an important step in assisting the nation’s public and private sectors to prevent, deter, and mitigate the array of cyber threats from illicit actors without imposing burdensome regulations on industry.”

R. Bruce Josten
Executive Vice President, Government Affairs
U.S. Chamber of Commerce

“The ‘Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act of 2011’ provides a solid framework and useful legal protections to permit the timely flow of actionable threat information in order for organizations to better protect themselves and customers.”

Christopher Padilla
Vice President governmental Programs
IBM

“The sharing of cyber threat and attack information is an essential component of an effective cyber-defense strategy, and the legislation helps to provide greater clarity for private sector entities.”

Tim McKone
Executive Vice President, Federal Relations

AT&T

“There is a critical role for government in securing cyberspace, and today’s bill sets forth a path that would enable government and network providers to better share information in real time, while relying on market incentives to drive continuous improvement and innovation in cybersecurity.”

Walter B. McCormick Jr.
President & CEO
USTelecom

“Verizon supports the “Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act of 2011” and applauds its sponsors for taking a focused approach to enhancing our national cybersecurity-defense capabilities.”

Peter Davidson
Senior Vice President for Federal Government Relations
Verizon

“This legislation will protect both our national security and our customers and has the strong support of the nation’s cable, telephone and wireless industries.”

Michael Powell
President & CEO
National Cable & Telecommunications Association

“Enactment of this sort of legislation will contribute significantly to the expansion of sound cybersecurity practices.”

“Your legislation will promote the sort of public-private partnership that will be necessary to defeat those intent on gaining unauthorized access to public and private sector networks.”

Steve Largent
President & CEO
CTIA - The Wireless Association

“On behalf of Microsoft, I want to commend Intelligence Committee Chairman Mike Rogers and Ranking Member Dutch Ruppersberger for the introduction of the Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act of 2011.”

“...this bill is an important first step towards addressing significant problems in cyber security.”

Fred Humphries
Vice President, U.S. Government Affairs
Microsoft Corporation

“This bill provides important updates and clarifications of the US Code that will facilitate and increase cyber intelligence information sharing within the private and public sectors.”

“This legislation will modify current constraining rules to allow for improved information sharing, which is essential to the continued protection of the cyber ecosystem.”

Steve Bartlett
President and CEO
The Financial Services Roundtable

Paul Smocer
BITS, The Technology Policy Division
The Financial Services Roundtable

“We believe that this bi-partisan legislation will help advance the sharing of threat intelligence and actionable information that can assist organizations in addressing advanced cyber attacks.”

“...this legislation, if enacted, will be an important step forward in creating more effective ecosystems between the public and private sector to improve our nation’s cyber security posture.”

Art Coviello
EVP & Executive Chairman of RSA VP
EMC Corporation EMC Corporation

David Martin
Chief Security Officer
EMC Corporation EMC Corporation

“ITTA applauds House Intelligence Chairman Mike Rogers and Ranking Member Dutch Ruppersberger for moving aggressively on legislation to tackle daily threats to the nation’s broadband networks”

“...absent the ability for private network owners and the government to exchange intelligence on cyber threats, our national security and economic well-being will remain vulnerable to attack.”

Genny Morelli
President
Independent Telephone & Telecommunications Alliance (ITTA)

“Because of its importance, we hope this legislation can be acted upon quickly. Passage of this legislation will truly be a significant step forward to help protect American companies from these evolving challenges.”

James W. Sheaffer
President, North American Public Sector
CSC

“The framework proposed in the “Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act of 2011” will move industry and government in the right direction on sharing timely and actionable information to protect ourselves from cyber attacks.”

“...we applaud the effort that has been put forward by you and your staff in support of this long-time, critical goal by the private sector to enhance information sharing efforts with the U.S. government on cyber threats.”

Kevin Richards
Senior Vice President
Federal Government Affairs
TechAmerica

“The Association admires your bi-partisan approach to policy and legislation, as well as your strategy of proposing a bill which is tightly focused on a critical issue, sharing threat data which can be readily used by companies who need to counter Cyber attacks.”

Richard Coleman
Chairman & President
Cyber, Space & Intelligence Association
