

November 28, 2011

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

Dear Mr. Chairman,

I am writing to congratulate you for introducing the Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act of 2011, and to call on Congress to advance this bill towards enactment.

Your bill would remove key legal obstacles to effective bi-directional cybersecurity information sharing between the government, including the intelligence community, and industry. In particular, Oracle has long called for timely sharing by federal agencies with the private sector of actionable information about the most advanced cyber threats, which your bill promotes.

Additionally, it would address key liability concerns that are known to inhibit information sharing by companies in certain circumstances. We also appreciate that it preserves the voluntary nature of information sharing, as you have recognized that any rigid mandate would undermine the trust that is the foundation of successful public-private cybersecurity collaboration.

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.

Thank you for leadership on this and other important issues. My colleagues and I look forward to continuing to work with you.

Sincerely yours,



Mary Ann Davidson
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