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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
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Dear Chairman Rogers and Ranking Member Ruppertsberger:

Congratulations on the introduction of H.R. 3523, the "Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act of 2011." You have correctly identified information sharing as a fundamental component of effective cyber security. Lockheed Martin supports this legislation and the approach you have taken to provide a framework for better, wider sharing of vital cyber threat information.

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. Our society has become dependent on electronic connectivity for all aspects of commerce and communication. Information technology underpins the critical infrastructure of our financial, energy, health, defense and other sectors, and that technology is woven into the fabric of our daily lives.

As you well know, that connectivity and our dependence on it has made us vulnerable to a host of actors intent on doing us harm. As the nation's largest defense contractor, Lockheed Martin deals with this reality every day. We must defend our networks from attacks across the spectrum—the common hackers with malicious intent, the cyber thieves seeking our intellectual property, and the nation state actors attempting to undermine U.S. national security. Our experience, including our participation in the Defense Industrial Base pilot program, has taught us that timely information sharing with the government and with our industry partners is essential to our efforts to defeat these foes.

Lockheed Martin appreciates the dialog with you and your staffs during the development of this legislation. This sort of open exchange of ideas is instrumental to crafting successful proposals in such a complex area. We look forward to continuing these discussions as the legislative process works out and in supporting your efforts to improve the nation's cyber security.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gregory R. Dahlberg".

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