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The Honorable John Boehner
House Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
H-232 The Capitol
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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
House Democratic Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
H-204 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Re: AFPM supports the Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act

Dear Mr. Speaker and Democratic Leader Pelosi:

AFPM, the American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers (formerly National Petrochemical & Refiners Association), writes today to express its support for H.R. 3523, the “Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act (CISPA)” introduced by Representatives Mike Rogers and C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger. This bipartisan legislation removes the current barriers to information sharing and will help our companies defend against ever evolving cyber threats.

AFPM is a trade association representing high-tech American manufacturers of virtually the entire U.S. supply of gasoline, diesel, jet fuel, other fuels and home heating oil, as well as the petrochemicals used as building blocks for thousands of products vital to everyday life. Protection of our member’s Information Technology (IT) and Industrial Control Systems (ICS) are critical to the fuel and petrochemical manufacturing process.

The CISPA aims to foster greater threat information sharing between the private sector and the federal government, allowing companies to voluntarily share information without concern of antitrust and liability violations. Rather than imposing new federal mandates, this legislation recognizes the strong work of the refining and petrochemical industry to protect our facilities, and provides a necessary tool to help our members stop cyber threats. The sharing of information among companies, as well as with the federal government, will improve our preparedness for an attack and provide greater education for our companies’ employees on the many threats facing all critical infrastructures.

Cybersecurity is critical to protecting refineries and petrochemical facilities. This bipartisan legislation will break down the barriers to information sharing and will ensure our security and provide our facilities with timely information to better protect our systems against attack. AFPM believes that the CISPA will make America and its IT and ICS systems more secure and urges your support for this strong bipartisan legislation.

Sincerely,

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