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The Honorable Mike Rogers
Chairman
House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
Capitol Visitor Center, HVC 304
US Capitol Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Rogers,

I am writing to commend you on the introduction of the "Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act of 2011" and offer IBM's support as the bill moves through the legislative process. IBM believes a non-regulatory approach to spur sharing of actionable cyber threat information between government and industry is a critical piece to improving the security of our nation and its assets as we continue to operate and thrive on a digital network.

As your Committee has heard, it is a fact that businesses face cyber attacks, from simple to sophisticated, on the technology and networks they use to support their business. Securing the operations and proprietary information of large enterprises is a significant undertaking and one that IBM understands first hand as one of the largest organizations in the world while also providing security services and solutions to support every single type of critical infrastructure industry. 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. We believe that more information sharing from government to industry has immense value but information sharing from industry to government and to other entities is also valuable and we looked forward to seeing how this develops.

IBM appreciates the outreach by you and your staff during the drafting process and look forward to working with you to make any necessary improvements to the bill as it advances through Congress.

Regards,

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