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ITTA APPLAUDS BIPARTISAN LEGISLATION TO FIGHT CYBER THREATS TO BROADBAND NETWORKS

(Washington) The following statement was released today by the Independent Telephone & Telecommunications Alliance (ITTA), and may be attributed to Genny Morelli, President of ITTA.

“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.

“Every second, broadband networks, upon which our national security and economic well-being depend, face the risk of cyber exploitation. ITTA members spend substantial capital every day protecting their residential consumers and high capacity business and government customers from cyber threats. However, 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.

“ITTA and its members look forward to working with Chairman Rogers and Ranking Member Ruppersberger on moving H.R. 3523 to final passage.”

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