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The Honorable Mike Rogers
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Representatives Rogers and Ruppersberger:

On behalf of Intel Corporation, I am writing to support the reintroduction of the "Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act of 2013." We applaud you for adopting a voluntary and non-regulatory approach to improving cybersecurity that incentivizes industry participation by providing much-needed legal certainty and liability protections to businesses engaged in responsible information sharing practices, and leverages existing public-private partnerships rather than creating new bureaucracies.

Intel recognizes that we cannot further delay in collectively addressing the evolving cybersecurity threats facing us all. Security is core to our business, and we have been at the forefront of efforts to improve cybersecurity over the last decade, investing billions of dollars to develop software, hardware, services and integrated solutions designed to advance cybersecurity across the compute continuum. So we understand that governments, businesses and citizens are facing a cybersecurity threat landscape that has changed fundamentally over this same period, and that countering these increasingly sophisticated threats to networks, intellectual property, and privacy requires the cooperative efforts of government, industry and NGO stakeholders working together to improve cybersecurity in a way that promotes innovation and protects citizens' privacy and civil liberties.

The "Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act of 2013" makes critical progress toward achieving these goals. The bill will help get timely, reliable and actionable threat information into the hands of those private entities in the best position to do something about those threats, allowing them to better protect themselves and their customers, and to maximize the effectiveness of innovative security technologies that can make use of such information in real time. The bill was also amended a number of times prior to final passage to address concerns raised by the privacy and civil liberties community, including amendments significantly narrowing the scope of the cybersecurity threat information that can be shared, and adding important data minimization, retention and notification provisions. While these improvements are substantial, we understand more work needs to be done, and we urge you to continue the dialogue with privacy and civil liberties advocates to fully resolve any remaining valid concerns.

Intel has long advocated that building trust in the global digital infrastructure requires not only strengthening security, but protecting personal information and privacy, and we realize doing so requires a delicate balance. Intel deeply appreciates your sustained engagement with the business community on this topic and we are pleased to endorse this legislation.

Best Regards,

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