



December 2, 2011

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

Dear Chairman Rogers:

On behalf of Intel Corporation, as well as our subsidiary McAfee, I am writing to offer our support for the "Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act of 2011." We believe the policy changes and legal protections implemented by the bill represent meaningful improvements in the important area of information sharing for cybersecurity purposes. We applaud you and Ranking Member Ruppertsberger for adopting a bipartisan approach that is not only voluntary and non-regulatory, but also incentivizes industry participation by providing needed liability protections and streamlining clearance processes.

Our companies are at the forefront of efforts to improve cybersecurity. Over the last decade we have invested billions of dollars to develop software, hardware, services and integrated solutions designed to advance cybersecurity across the compute continuum. We also understand that governments, businesses and consumers are facing a cybersecurity threat landscape that has changed fundamentally over this same period. Countering these increasingly sophisticated threats to networks, intellectual property, and privacy requires breaking down the legal and policy barriers that currently impede the sharing of actionable threat information from government to industry, and from industry to both government and other private sector entities. The "Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act of 2011" represents a critical first step in facilitating the sharing of the threat and vulnerability information that will help government and private sector entities better protect themselves and their customers, and will also help maximize the effectiveness of innovative security technologies that rely on such actionable threat information as their lifeblood.

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. We look forward to working with you and your staff as the bill makes its way through the legislative process to help address any privacy concerns in a way that does not unnecessarily dilute the important cybersecurity enhancing provisions at the heart of this bill.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Cleveland". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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