

Juniper Networks Statement Regarding Re-Introduction of Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act (CISPA)

Juniper Networks would like to acknowledge and thank Chairman Mike Rogers (R- MI) and Ranking Member Dutch Ruppersberger (D - MD) with the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence for re-introducing the CISPA legislation that passed the House in the last session with a strong bi-partisan majority, and which, once passed and signed by the President, will be an important tool for addressing the challenge of cyber security and critical infrastructure protection.

CISPA by itself does not solve this challenge. It will, however, move the needle in a positive direction by removing significant impediments to the collaboration between industry and government that is so essential to making progress toward our shared mission on behalf of the American people. A key element to addressing the cyber security challenge is the ability to establish and maintain timely, reliable, and actionable situational awareness through the exchange of relevant threat information, as well as indicators of malicious or abnormal network behavior.

Improving cyber security and critical infrastructure protection is a function of managing risk and CISPA would help facilitate and address impediments to stakeholders making informed risk management decisions. It is imperative that, as a nation, we develop and mature a capability to improve the detection, prevention, mitigation, and response to cyber events that may become incidents of national or even global consequence. A predictable and sustainable collaboration between industry and government that identifies patterns and trends of suspicious activity; that delivers alerts and warnings across the stakeholder community; that provides recommended protective measures as appropriate; and that achieves this capability through timely, reliable, and actionable situational awareness is essential to the protection, preparedness, and resilience of our nation's critical infrastructure.

Accordingly, Juniper Networks applauds the leadership of Congressman Rogers and Congressman Ruppersberger and encourages their House colleagues to join as co-sponsors and move expeditiously to pass the bill. We also invite the U.S. Senate to support this bill in an effort to drive a consensus outcome and deliver a much-needed piece of legislation to the President for his signature and enactment into law.

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