



January 25, 2012

The Honorable Mike Rogers  
Chairman  
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable C.A. "Dutch" Ruppertsberger  
Ranking Member  
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Chairman Rogers and Ranking Member Ruppertsberger:

Symantec applauds your work on the "Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act of 2011." This bi-partisan legislation exemplifies a solid understanding of the shortfalls in the current information sharing environment and provides common sense solutions to improve bi-directional, real time information sharing to mitigate cyber threats.

Information sharing is often referred to as the key to combating cyber threats. However, we must first recognize that information sharing is not an end goal, but rather a tool to provide situational awareness so that appropriate protective and risk mitigation actions may be taken. In order for information sharing to be effective, information must be shared in a timely manner, with the right people or organizations, and with the understanding that so long as an entity shares information in good faith, it will not be faced with legal liability. Your bill elegantly addresses these critical success factors.

Moreover, any effort to improve public and private information sharing must be based on trust. The framework provided in your legislation will encourage the government to share vital threat information with industry to better address risks and protect our Nation's cyber infrastructure.

Symantec thanks you for your vision on this very important issue, and we look forward to working with you as this bill moves forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cheri F. McGuire", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Cheri F. McGuire  
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