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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
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Rogers and Ranking Member Ruppersberger:

USTelecom represents innovative broadband companies ranging from some of the smallest rural telecoms in the nation to some of the largest companies in the U.S. economy. Our members offer a wide range of advanced broadband services, including voice, Internet access, video and data on both a fixed and mobile basis. Protecting these networks and our customers from cybersecurity threats is one of our highest priorities.

In response to the dramatic increase in cybersecurity threats, our industry has been working with Congress and the Administration over the past two years to enhance both the government's and private sector's cybersecurity posture. USTelecom supported passage of your bipartisan legislation in the last Congress because real-time information sharing is the key component that provides both the government and private sector with timely and useful information to detect, deter and respond to such potential threats.

We write today to again support the "Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act." This legislation addresses critical information-sharing needs, while providing the appropriate safeguards necessary for facilitating such sharing. As the number of threats and attacks has only increased, your legislation is needed even more urgently now than when it passed the House on a bipartisan vote last April.

USTelecom and our members are committed to working with you again in this Congress in order to secure successful and speedy enactment of your legislation.

Sincerely,


Walter B. McCormick, Jr.