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The Honorable Mike Rogers
Chairman
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on Intelligence
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Dutch Ruppersberger
Ranking Member
House Permanent Select Committee
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Dear Chairman Rogers and Ranking Member Ruppersberger:

We write to express our support for H.R. 624, the “Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act and appreciate your leadership in championing bipartisan legislation that will enable the private and public sectors to collaborate and share cyber threat information.

The ongoing sharing of threat information between and among the government and private entities is a critical missing link in our efforts to detect and deter cyberattacks. Having real-time, credible and actionable information would allow our network operators to better target their financial and operational resources.

In addition, H.R. 624’s partnership-based approach reflects the best of the multistakeholder model that has led to the growth of the Internet. We appreciate that the legislation envisions a process that does not create new bureaucracies and addresses many of the concerns of privacy and civil liberties organizations. By removing the current legal barriers to information sharing and establishing the appropriate safeguards for the use of such information, the nation’s critical infrastructure owners and operators and others within the Internet ecosystem can better protect our national security and economy.

We look forward to working with you and other House members as work on this important legislation continues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Powell', written in a cursive style.

Michael K. Powell