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The Honorable Mike Rogers  
Chairman  
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence  
2112 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable C.A. Ruppertsberger  
Ranking Member  
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence  
2416 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act

Dear Chairman Rogers and Ranking Member Ruppertsberger:

On behalf of CTIA – The Wireless Association®, which represents wireless carriers and their suppliers, thank you for introducing the Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act. CTIA believes that enactment of legislation to facilitate the sharing of cyber-defense information between the federal government and the private sector, as well as among private sector entities, is the most important step Congress can take to enhance America's ability to defend against cyber attacks.

CTIA's member companies have made significant investments to protect the integrity of their networks and to safeguard the security and privacy of wireless customers. They employ sophisticated tools to measure, assess, and mitigate cybersecurity risks because corporate, government and individual users demand and deserve robust, secure solutions to meet their communications needs. But our members know that there are threats from groups and individuals who seek to exploit any and every vulnerability they can find for political ends or profit. As the wireless industry works to stay ahead of these ever-evolving threats, legislation like yours will provide a vital tool to combat attacks on America's wireless ecosystem.

CTIA also commends your legislation because it will augment vital information-sharing flexibility with appropriate liability protections, exemptions from FOIA, and prohibitions against using information shared for cybersecurity purposes for regulatory purposes. These safeguards are necessary to facilitate information sharing, guarantee that critical cyber-defense information is shielded from disclosure to parties that should not have access to it, and ensure that a true partnership exists between the government and private sector as we work together to protect communications networks and consumers.

Thank you again for your bi-partisan leadership on this issue. We look forward to working with you and the rest of your colleagues to advance this vitally important legislation.

Sincerely,



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