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The Honorable Mike Rogers
Chairman
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Rogers:

I am pleased to write to you to express CSC's wholehearted endorsement of the "Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act" (H.R. 624) which you and Ranking Member C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger introduced recently and which requires the Director of National Intelligence to establish a program allowing certified organizations to use classified cyber signatures to help protect their Information Technology (IT) enterprises, their subcontractors, and customers from sophisticated cyber threats.

H.R. 624 is identical to your "Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act" (H.R. 3523) that passed the House with bipartisan support, 248-168, in April 2012. We strongly endorsed H.R. 3523 and because of its importance, we hope this new legislation can be acted upon quickly in both the House and Senate. Passage of this legislation will truly be a significant step forward to help protect American companies from evolving cyber challenges.

CSC is a leader in IT deployments and cyber security protection for both government and commercial clients around the world. Headquartered in Falls Church, Virginia, CSC has approximately 93,000 employees and reported revenue of \$15.5 billion for the 12 months ended December 28, 2012.

As you know, CSC was the first IT enterprise company invited to join the defense industrial base pilot program (DIB). We recognize first-hand - both as an international company that relies heavily on IT and as a provider of IT and cybersecurity services - the criticality to any organization of receiving timely and actionable information to protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of its data. CSC continues to be actively engaged in public-private partnership efforts supporting the National Infrastructure Protection Plan, the National Cyber Incident Response Plan, and the information sharing efforts of the Information Sharing and Analysis Centers and the Department of Homeland Security National Cyber and Communications Integration Center.

Your legislation is a concrete proposal to improve cyber information sharing which will enable organizations to more easily identify and mitigate known cyber threats and attacks on critical infrastructure and the private sector. It provides necessary authority and direction that the President cannot accomplish with an Executive Order. A very important benefit of this program will be to help to limit the systematic online theft of American companies' intellectual property, a problem that has risen to a level of national security significance because of its negative effect on American competitiveness. In addition, your legislation will help to address the problem of sophisticated cyber attackers by enabling certified private organizations to be granted security clearances so that they can have access to and use classified signatures to protect themselves, their subcontractors, and customers against known threats.

We stand ready to support your efforts to advance this legislation to enactment. Thank you.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Michael Lawrie".

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