



February 6, 2012

The Honorable Mike Rogers
Chairman
House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
Capitol Visitors Center, HVC-304
US Capitol Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Dutch Ruppersberger
Ranking Member
House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
2435 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Rogers and Ranking Member Ruppersberger:

I am writing on behalf of Facebook to commend you on your legislation, the “Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act of 2011,” which addresses critical needs in cyber security. Your thoughtful, bipartisan approach will enhance the ability of companies like Facebook to address cyber threats.

Effective security requires private and public sector cooperation, and successful cooperation necessitates information sharing. Your legislation removes burdensome rules that currently can inhibit protection of the cyber ecosystem, and helps provide a more established structure for sharing within the cyber community while still respecting the privacy rights and expectations of our users. Through timely sharing of threat information, both public and private entities will be able to more effectively combat malicious activity in cyberspace and protect consumers.

More than 800 million people worldwide entrust Facebook with their information, and maintaining that trust is vital to our success and at the core of everything we do. Securing information requires a multi-pronged approach and we employ legal, security, and engineering experts to ensure the integrity of the site. We work regularly with analysts, engineers, fraud experts, and security investigators to prevent abuse, defeat criminals, and help maintain Facebook as a trusted environment. We work closely with the rest of the security community to defend against existing threats, anticipate new ones, and arm people with the tools they need to protect themselves. Your bill will assist our efforts by facilitating this kind of cooperation.

We want to thank you again for your legislation addressing demonstrated cyber security needs, and look forward to continuing to work with you and your colleagues on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joel Kaplan", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Joel Kaplan
Vice President, U.S. Public Policy