



April 22, 2015

The Honorable John A. Boehner
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
House Democratic Leader
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Michael T. McCaul
Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Bennie G. Thompson
Ranking Member, Committee on Homeland Security
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Devin G. Nunes
Chairman, Select Committee on Intelligence
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Adam B. Schiff
Ranking Member, Select Committee on Intelligence
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker, Madame Leader, Chairmen, and Ranking Members:

Microsoft commends the Homeland Security Committee and Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence on their efforts to advance information sharing legislation. The Committees' legislative efforts, culminating in the National Cybersecurity Protection Advancement Act (NCPAA) and the Protect Cyber Networks Act (PCNA), respectively, have been collaborative and constructive, and should serve as models for how to craft future cybersecurity legislation.

We particularly appreciate the open and constructive process through which the Committees engaged industry, a true indication of the industry-government partnership necessary to collaboratively counter the growing global cyber threat. Through this engagement, Microsoft and other stakeholders were able to convey our information sharing principles. These principles include the need for robust privacy protection measures, the ability to maintain contractual commitments to our customers, and the need for liability protections for sharing and receiving information.

Cyber threats will grow and evolve, requiring our continued partnership and vigilance. Microsoft looks forward to continuing to work with Members of both parties in the House and Senate on these and other cybersecurity legislative efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frederick S. Humphries, Jr." in a cursive script.

Frederick S. Humphries, Jr.
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