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The Honorable Mike Rogers (R-MI)  
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United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable C.A. Dutch Ruppertsberger (D-MD)  
Ranking Member  
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Dear Chairman Rogers and Ranking Member Ruppertsberger,

On behalf of the 12,000 members of the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), the largest manufacturing association in the United States representing manufacturers in every industrial sector and in all 50 states, I am writing to express the NAM's support for the *Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act (CISPA) of 2013* (H.R. 624) that was favorably reported out of your Committee yesterday.

Manufacturers through their comprehensive and connected relationships with customers, vendors, suppliers, and governments are entrusted with vast amounts of data. They hold the responsibility of securing this data, the networks on which it runs, and the facilities and machinery they control at the highest priority level. Manufacturers know the economic security of the United States is directly related to our cybersecurity.

The NAM supports the government sharing timely and actionable threat and vulnerability information with the private sector. We also support the creation of a voluntary framework that allows companies to share information with the government and with each other without creating new liabilities. In addition, it is important that this is accomplished without granting the government any new authority or by giving it the ability to monitor or censor private networks.

Other significant changes were made during the markup of the legislation to address the concerns raised with the potential disclosure and sharing of personally identifiable information (PII). The NAM applauds your efforts to address these concerns thoughtfully and supports the amended version of the legislation that includes minimizing of data not necessary to understand a cyberthreat.

The *Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act* will allow manufacturers, the owners, operators, and builders of the vast majority of our nation's critical infrastructure, to further enhance their cybersecurity without creating a new and unnecessary regulatory burden. We look forward to working with you on this legislation as it moves to the House floor for consideration.

Sincerely,  


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