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Chairman Michael J. "Mike" Rogers  
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Ranking Member C. A. "Dutch" Ruppertsberger  
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Dear Chairman Rogers and Ranking Member Ruppertsberger,

As an owner and operator of transmission and distribution systems across a diverse geographic region and subject to federal and multiple state regulatory frameworks, Pepco Holdings Inc. (PHI) takes the security of the electric grid system very seriously. PHI's cybersecurity plan addresses deterrence, detection, response and recovery. Our procedures are shaped through voluntary and mandatory standards developed by industry and regulatory organizations. Since the passage of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, PHI has been subject to numerous compliance audits and participated in multiple threat and risk assessments. PHI has also participated in voluntary government and industry initiatives to improve coordination with the government and to identify and test for vulnerabilities. Still, more can be done.

The efforts you have made to create a system through which government and the private sector can freely share actionable information in a timely, confidential manner are deeply appreciated. We strongly support the Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act (CISPA) as a very important incremental step that not only supports the existing Critical Infrastructure Protection Cyber Security standards established by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) and seeks greater public-private threat information sharing, but also addresses liability protection.

PHI believes it is very important that Congress and the federal agencies continue working with the private sector to address cybersecurity in a fashion that strengthens public-private partnerships, clarifies federal authority, limits duplicative regulatory frameworks and increases the ability to defend our nation's critical infrastructure and train our workforce to counter advanced cyber threats. To this end, PHI:

- Maintains it would also be beneficial to have increased clarity around the protocols for public-private and federal-state coordination during a cyber event and the resulting recovery effort; and
- Seeks assurance that the investments the company has made and continues to make to protect the nation's critical infrastructure will be recoverable through transmission and distribution rates and other mechanisms for timely and fair recovery.

PHI intends to promote these remaining cybersecurity objectives in legislation that complements your very important CISPA bill.

The Company appreciates the bipartisanship you have both shown in this on-going debate in Congress. The dedication, inclusive approach and pragmatism you both bring to the table create optimism for our continued efforts to keep secure the nation's electric grid.

Sincerely,



William Gausman