



April 11, 2013

The Honorable Mike Rogers
Chairman
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable C.A. Ruppertsberger
Ranking Member
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Rogers and Ranking Member Ruppertsberger:

Symantec supports your and the Committee's work on the *Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act of 2013*. This bipartisan legislation recognizes the shortfalls of the current information sharing environment and is an important step toward improved bi-directional, real time information sharing to mitigate cyber threats. The framework provided in your legislation will encourage the government to share vital threat information, more rapidly address threats, and aid private industry in protecting our nation's critical cyber infrastructure. It also provides the right incentives for industry to voluntarily share cyber attack indicators with government.

We are pleased that the Committee strengthened the privacy protections in the bill, and we encourage you to continue working with the privacy and civil liberties community on data minimization and other issues as the bill moves forward. In addition, we believe that a civilian agency should serve as the primary interface with the private sector for voluntary information sharing programs.

Again, thank you for your commitment on this very important issue. Symantec looks forward to working with you as this legislation moves through the legislative process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cheri F. McGuire", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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