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The Honorable Mike Rogers
Chairman
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable C.A. Dutch Ruppertsberger
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Rogers and Ranking Member Ruppertsberger:

Thank you for your leadership in addressing the cyber threats facing broadband operators in America, and specifically for your introduction of H.R. 624, the Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act.

Your bipartisan leadership on this initiative is evidence that consensus legislation can be crafted that will help protect vital infrastructure from cyber attacks without creating an overly prescriptive regime. As our engineers know, network security is a dynamic and unpredictable endeavor and we work diligently to secure our facilities at all hours – it's what our customers expect and demand. However, under some proposals, our ability to respond in real time may be slowed by a top-down approach. Instead, the sharing of common experiences and a pooling of threat details will expedite the dissemination of this critical data, helping network operators increase security across the country.

H.R. 624 is a well-crafted bill that addresses a vital need, and it would be a common sense addition to the security toolkit America's broadband providers use to protect our infrastructure. I am closely monitoring this legislation and urge its passage.

With Warm Regards,



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