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

The Honorable C.A. "Dutch" Ruppertsberger
Ranking Member
House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
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Dear Chairman Rogers and Ranking Member Ruppertsberger:

We write today in support of the re-introduced "Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act," which would be an important step in assisting the nation's critical infrastructure sectors to prevent, deter and mitigate the array of cyber threats we face.

As trade associations representing much of the shareholder-owned segment of the electric power sector, the Edison Electric Institute (EEI) and Electric Power Supply Association (EPSA) join our member company, Exelon Corporation, to thank you for your leadership in helping owners and operators of critical infrastructure to take an active role in their own defense.

This industry has put in place measures to deal with potential physical and cyber attacks against the electric grid, striving to achieve the right balance between protection and prevention measures with resilience and recovery measures. This bill would help improve security by providing timely and actionable information from government partners to protect industry computer networks. It would address legal and logistical barriers that have limited the sharing of cyber threat information between and among elements of the public and private sectors. In addition, we expect that the information-sharing efforts envisioned in this bill would serve to supplement, rather than replace, the various government-industry partnerships already underway.

This bill embodies recommendations the electric power sector has proposed for improving cyber security and information-sharing processes. And as we seek to improve and expand partnerships with the government, we believe this bill will create an important framework for the sharing of cyber threat intelligence with the private sector in an operationally usable manner.

Making cyber threat intelligence more readily useful and available is fundamental to any long-term endeavor to defend our country against potential cyber threats. We commend your leadership, and look forward to working with you to advance this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Edison Electric Institute

Electric Power Supply Association

Exelon Corporation