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The Honorable Mike Rogers
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Rogers:

The Internet Security Alliance would like to commend you and Ranking Member Rep. Dutch Ruppersberger for your cybersecurity leadership in drafting and passing the “Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act of 2011” through the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence by a 17-1 vote. The ISA proudly supports this bipartisan legislation.

As you may know, the Internet Security Alliance is a multi-sector trade association founded by the former Chairman of your committee, Dave McCurdy, in collaboration with the Carnegie Mellon University in 2000. Members of the ISA include representatives from the aviation, banking, communications, defense, education, financial services, insurance, manufacturing, security and technology sectors. Our mission is to create a sustainable system of cyber security by combining public policy with advanced technology and business economics.

This bill fits squarely within this mission. Namely, it recognizes that government has a critical role to play in helping secure cyberspace while advancing the public-private partnership as outlined in the National Infrastructure Protection Plan. Its use of a voluntary approach tied to market incentives, such as, targeted liability protections for those in the private sector that share cyber threat information in good faith, is one that the ISA has historically advocated for. Such an approach recognizes that government has a critical role to play in helping secure cyberspace while advancing the public-private partnership as outlined in the National Infrastructure Protection Plan that is necessary in order to sustain our nation’s cybersecurity. This approach benefits all stakeholders, while eliminating potential legal obstacles to information sharing and situational awareness, and eschews potentially counter-productive and innovation-stifling regulation.

The ISA is extremely encouraged by this bill and its bipartisan Committee passage. We look forward to working with you as the “Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act of 2011” makes its way to the House Floor.

Regards,

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