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Statement Regarding Introduction of the Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act of 2011

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The following statement can be attributed to NCTA President & CEO Michael Powell, responding to bipartisan legislation introduced today by House Intelligence Committee Chairman Mike Rogers (R, MI-8) and Ranking Member C. A. "Dutch" Ruppertsberger (D, MD-2). The bill gives the federal government new authority to share classified cyber threat information with approved American companies. You can watch video of the bill's announcement here.

"We applaud Chairman Rogers and Ranking Member Ruppertsberger for introduction of the Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act of 2011 that will ensure better information sharing between all stakeholders involved in protecting our nation's critical cyber infrastructure. We appreciate that this legislation avoids a prescriptive regulatory regime that does not fit the constantly evolving cyber threat environment and it appropriately allows individual companies to determine how they can best participate. This legislation will protect both our national security and our customers and has the strong support of the nation's cable, telephone and wireless industries. We urge Congress to swiftly pass the Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act of 2011 into law."

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NCTA is the principal trade association for the U.S. cable industry, representing cable operators serving more than 90 percent of the nation's cable television households and more than 200 cable program networks. The cable industry is the nation's largest broadband provider of high-speed Internet access, serving more than 45 million customers, after investing more than \$170 billion to build two-way interactive networks with fiber optic technology. Cable companies also provide state-of-the-art digital telephone service to more than 24 million American consumers.

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