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February 13, 2012

Representative C.A. Ruppensberger
Ranking Member, House Permanent Select Intelligence Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
304 HVC
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Ruppensberger:

I write to you on behalf of the National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA) to express our support for The Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act of 2011 (H.R. 3523). NDIA believes that the proposed legislation will play a critical role in strengthening our cybersecurity, and fulfills a need that the defense industry has repeatedly requested from the federal government.

As you are aware, NDIA is a non-profit organization, and is America's leading Defense Industry association, with more than 1,766 corporate members and over 96,000 individual members. Our members represent the entire spectrum of the Defense Industrial Base (DIB), from large to small businesses. Consequently, NDIA has a deep interest in the national defense aspects of cybersecurity, and its impacts on the DIB. Last year, NDIA's Cyber Division identified the crucial need to achieve real-time information sharing between government and industry, and highlighted that need as one of three top issues for cybersecurity in 2012.

The need to achieve the goal of government/industry sharing on a large scale cannot be understated. To illustrate, some NDIA members have participated in the Department of Defense's DIB Pilot program, and benefited from the special relationship conceived by that program. Yet, the majority of NDIA members had to sit on the sidelines and were left to fend for themselves against cyber attacks. While this initial slow progress is lamentable, your proposed legislation is a leap forward. And, hopefully, only the first leap in a series of legislation needed to achieve true government/industry sharing in cybersecurity. Future legislation must also reflect the sense of urgency concerning cybersecurity that has been long recognized. If industry is to be able to rapidly migrate, redeploy, and reuse unique, effective state-of-the-art capabilities, then the speed of information dissemination needs to more closely match the threat. Across the board there needs to be better integration of cybersecurity capabilities through all government entities, horizontally and vertically, and a comprehensive approach that encompasses our people, processes and technologies.

We offer our full support to making your proposed legislation a reality. NDIA stands ready and able to provide assistance to achieve the advancement of government/industry sharing goals on cybersecurity.

Sincerely, & Respectfully



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