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

The Honorable Dutch Ruppersberger
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representatives Rogers and Ruppersberger:

TechNet, the bipartisan policy and political network of technology CEOs that promotes the growth of the innovation economy, commends you for your work on cybersecurity and writes to express our support of H.R. 624, the “Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act of 2013.”

This bill recognizes the need for effective cybersecurity legislation that encourages voluntary, bi-directional, real time sharing of actionable cyber threat information to protect networks. We commend the Committee for providing liability protections to companies participating in voluntary information-sharing and applaud the Committee’s efforts to work with a wide range of stakeholders to address issues such as strengthening privacy protections. As the legislative process unfolds, we look forward to continuing the dialogue with you and your colleagues on further privacy protections, including discussions on the role of a civilian interface for information sharing.

The information technology industry has provided leadership, resources, innovation, and stewardship in every aspect of cybersecurity for more than 25 years, as ultimately, innovation is the most important tool in America’s cybersecurity toolbox. TechNet appreciates your continued attention to this important issue and the strong leadership that you have provided.

Sincerely,

Rey Ramsey
President & CEO
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