



Information Technology Industry Council

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The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker of the House
US House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Democratic Leader
US House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Boehner and Leader Pelosi:

On behalf of the Information Technology Industry Council (ITI), I write to express our strong support for the cybersecurity legislation being considered by the House of Representatives this week, in particular HR 624, the Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act (CISPA) of 2013. **Given the importance of cybersecurity to the high-tech industry, we will consider scoring votes in support of final passage of HR 624, the Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act, in our 113th Congressional Voting Guide.**

CISPA would improve the ability of the private sector to share cyber threat information with others in the private sector and the federal government on a voluntary basis. This would help improve the security of our public and private cyber infrastructure without adding unnecessary expense or bureaucracy.

Our member companies firmly believe that increased voluntary cyber threat information sharing between the private sector and the government is among the most important steps Congress can take to protect individuals and U.S. businesses in cyberspace. We appreciate the progress made by the bill's sponsors to include provisions that safeguard individuals' information while allowing for a cyber threat information sharing system to help protect all of us online.

The United States' information technology industry is the strongest in the world, driving economic growth, creating new businesses, generating jobs, and improving our national security. On behalf of ITI's member companies, I thank you for your tremendous leadership in addressing the important and complex issue of cybersecurity and urge you and your colleagues to approve HR 624, the Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act (CISPA) of 2013.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Garfield", is positioned above the typed name.

Dean Garfield
President & CEO