



# Information Technology Industry Council

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The Honorable Michael McCaul  
Chairman  
Committee on Homeland Security  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Bennie G. Thompson  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Homeland Security  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman McCaul and Ranking Member Thompson:

The Information Technology Industry Council (ITI) thanks you for your continued dedication to improving our nation's cybersecurity posture. We commend you for your leadership and bipartisan collaboration on H.R. 3696, the National Cybersecurity and Critical Infrastructure Protection Act (NCCIP), and for your willingness to work with our industry to create a workable legislative scheme.

ITI's 58 member companies are leaders not only in the tech sector but are also the leading innovators in the cybersecurity community. We are committed to the fundamental goal of the NCCIP - to strengthen the security and resilience of our nation's critical infrastructure - and we greatly appreciate your and your staff's work to solicit input from key industry stakeholders.

We believe the NCCIP represents a valuable contribution to the cybersecurity discussion and we look forward to continuing to work with you to improve two of its provisions as the House considers the measure this week. First, we strongly support the bill's recognition of the vital role the industry-led Sector Coordinating Councils (SCCs) play in improving the security of the nation's critical infrastructure. Many ITI member companies participate in SCCs and believe their public-private partnership model is a highly effective means to improving cyber resilience. It is essential, however, that decisions about the constitution of SCCs and their activities remain industry-led. Second, we look forward to working with you to continue refining the proposed federal data breach notification language that would require reports of breaches of personally identifiable information to both the National Cybersecurity & Communication Integration Center (NCCIC) and to affected individuals.

Again, we thank you for your leadership and your efforts to develop policy approaches to improve our nation's cybersecurity. We look forward to continued discussions with you and your Senate colleagues as this legislation moves forward.

Sincerely,

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Andrew Halataei  
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Danielle Kriz  
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