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The Honorable Michael McCaul  
Chairman  
Committee on Homeland Security  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H2-176 Ford House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Bennie Thompson  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Homeland Security  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H2-117 Ford House Office Building  
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Dear Chairman McCaul and Ranking Member Thompson:

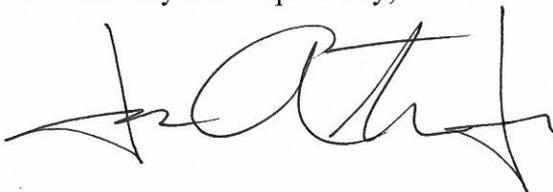
I write to you on behalf of the National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA) to express our full support for H.R. 1731, the National Cybersecurity Protection Advancement Act of 2015. The proposed legislation will play a critical role in strengthening cybersecurity, streamlining its implementation, and protecting companies from liability. The legislation goes a long way in addressing the need for a coherent cybersecurity policy that defense industry has repeatedly requested from the federal government.

NDIA is a non-profit organization, and is America's oldest and largest defense industry association, with more than 1,600 corporate members and nearly 90,000 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. NDIA's Cyber Division has identified the crucial need to achieve real-time information sharing between government and industry, and has highlighted this as one of the top issues within the DIB.

Still, concerns remain over the potential compromise of automated responses and the lack of specific language that addresses an extension of the Support Anti-Terrorism by Fostering Effective Technologies (SAFETY) Act as it relates to cybersecurity. We look forward to continued work with your committee to address these concerns.

Continuing the government-industry dialogue is extremely important. Thank you for your outreach to NDIA on this matter and your leadership. If there is anything more you need from NDIA please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely and respectfully,



Jimmy Thomas  
Director, Legislative Policy