

Friday, April 17, 2015

The Honorable Michael McCaul  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable John Ratcliffe  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman McCaul and Chairman Ratcliffe,

I am writing to congratulate you for your leadership on the issue of cyber threat information sharing, and to support HR 1731, the National Cybersecurity Protection Advancement Act of 2015.

Your bill would remove key legal obstacles to effective bi-directional cybersecurity information sharing between the government and industry. In particular, Oracle has long called for timely sharing by federal agencies with the private sector of actionable information about the most advanced cyber threats, which your bill promotes.

Additionally, it would address key liability concerns that are known to inhibit information sharing by companies in certain circumstances. We also appreciate that it preserves the voluntary nature of information sharing, as you have recognized that any rigid mandate would undermine the trust that is the foundation of successful public-private cybersecurity collaboration.

Finally, we commend you for including in the bill a host of effective safeguards of privacy, which is always an important concern of ours and an essential commitment that we make to our customers.

Thank you for leadership on this and other important issues. My colleagues and I look forward to continuing to work with you.

Sincerely yours,



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