



April 14, 2015

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

The Honorable Bennie G. Thompson  
Ranking Member, House Committee on Homeland Security  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H2-117 Ford House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman McCaul and Ranking Member Thompson:

Symantec would like to convey our support for the "National Cybersecurity Protection Act of 2015." The bill recognizes the importance of sharing cybersecurity information between the government and the private sector, as well as within the private sector. Equally importantly, it contains strong provisions to protect privacy.

Symantec has long supported legislation that will expand the already robust sharing of cybersecurity threat information that takes place today. We believe any new cybersecurity information sharing program should:

- be voluntary and be coordinated by civilian government agencies that have strong privacy offices and privacy controls;
- require any entity that shares information to take reasonable steps to remove personally identifiable information;
- only provide liability protections or exemptions for sharing with civilian agencies;
- augment, not replace, existing cyber information sharing efforts; and
- include appropriate, narrowly drawn limitations on the use of cyber threat information.

We are pleased that your legislation meets our core principles. We look forward to continuing to work with you to ensure that it balances the need to facilitate sharing with the imperative that organizations take steps to secure their networks. Thank you again for your outreach during the development of the bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cheri F. McGuire".

Cheri F. McGuire  
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