



February 6, 2014

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

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

Dear Chairman McCaul and Rep. Thompson,

Rapid7 is writing to express its support for H.R. 3696, the National Cybersecurity and Critical Infrastructure Protection Act of 2013. As a leading information security company, our customers face a growing number of sophisticated attacks. We believe that effective cybersecurity policy requires a robust collaborative partnership between the federal government and the private sector. H.R. 3696 is a strong first step in that direction.

We also believe that the Department of Homeland Security plays a critical role in cybersecurity and this legislation helps further develop the department's capabilities. It seeks to ensure that federal cyber contingency plans are current and receive input from all relevant stakeholders. It authorizes Cyber Incident Response Teams to provide assistance to critical infrastructure operators. It also fosters the department's leadership role in ensuring the integrity of federal civilian networks and requires DHS to build upon existing cyber information sharing programs.

We believe these measures will help the department work more effectively with other stakeholders to protect the nation's critical infrastructure. We applaud your commitment to improving the nation's cybersecurity and look forward to working with you on this and on future bills produced by the committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Corey S. Thomas".

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