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

The Honorable Bennie Thompson  
Ranking Member, Committee on Homeland Security  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2466 Rayburn HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Patrick Meehan  
Chairman, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security  
Technologies  
204 Cannon HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Yvette Clarke  
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and  
Security Technologies  
2351 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman McCaul, Ranking Member Thompson, Chairman Meehan and  
Ranking Member Clarke:

The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation (DTCC) appreciates and supports your efforts to introduce H.R. 3696, the National Cybersecurity and Critical Infrastructure Protection Act. Enhancing the cybersecurity of our Nation's critical infrastructure is a top priority for DTCC and we applaud your leadership in crafting this legislation.

As the critical infrastructure serving financial markets globally, DTCC maintains an elaborate and sophisticated information security program to protect against cyber-attacks. This includes ongoing participation in efforts to strengthen financial industry coordination and enhance the partnership between the public and private

sectors to combat and respond to cyber threats. As our adversaries evolve, intrusion and denial of service techniques become more complex, and coordinated attacks become commonplace, we need to advance our ability to respond in a collective, coordinated fashion.

We support the efforts of H.R. 3696 to strengthen existing mechanisms for public-private partnership such as the Financial Services Sector Coordinating Council (FSSCC) and the Financial Services Information Sharing and Analysis Center (FS-ISAC). These organizations are vital to our industry's cybersecurity ecosystem and play a key role in our sector's ability to identify threats, respond to cyber incidents and coordinate with government partners.

Cyber-attacks are not specific to the financial services sector, but are the concern of all targeted sectors, making it essential to be able to share threat information across sectors. The ability to share information more broadly is critical to our preparation for and response to future attacks and we applaud the bill's goal of strengthening cybersecurity coordination across all 16 Critical Infrastructure (CI) sectors.

We believe it is important that Congress continue working with the private sector to address these national security issues in a joint and comprehensive fashion and to pass legislation that strengthens public-private partnerships, clarifies federal authorities and increases our capabilities to defend our critical infrastructure.

As Congress considers much needed legislative action on cybersecurity, DTCC is committed to working with you to safeguard our Nation's critical infrastructure from cyber threats.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Larry E. Thompson". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and legible.

Larry E. Thompson  
General Counsel