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The Honorable Michael McCaul
Chairman
House Committee on Homeland Security
H2-176 Ford House Office
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Bennie G. Thompson
Ranking Member
House Committee on Homeland Security
H2-176 Ford House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman McCaul and Ranking Member Thompson:

On behalf of Entergy, I would like to thank you and your colleagues for leading the bipartisan effort within the House Homeland Security Committee to create the HR 3696 "National Cybersecurity and Critical Infrastructure Protection Act of 2013" (NCCIP) legislation. We also want to thank you for your continued leadership in the Cybersecurity arena as cyber threats become an increasing occurrence to companies.

Cybersecurity threats continue to present risks to national and economic security. As a company in the power production and distribution sector, Entergy takes such threats seriously and continues to take the necessary steps to mitigate such attacks and enhance our cyber defenses.

The NCCIP is an important step in the ongoing efforts and collaborations of government and private sector working together to thwart attacks.

We also applaud your efforts to include in H.R. 3696 a provision that explicitly allows the Secretary of Homeland Security to declare that a "qualifying cyber incident" triggers the liability protections of the Support Anti-Terrorism by Fostering Effective Technologies Act of 2002 (the "SAFETY Act"). We agree with our colleagues that removing the need to link a cyber attack to an "act of terrorism" is a good step.

Again, thank you, and your staff, for your continued leadership and work in moving critical bipartisan cyber legislation. Entergy stands ready to work with you and your colleagues in a constructive manner to move cyber legislation in the 113th Congress.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Peters".

Christopher Peters
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