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The Honorable Michael McCaul  
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The Honorable Bennie Thompson  
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The Honorable Patrick Meehan  
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The Honorable Yvette Clarke  
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Dear Chairmen McCaul and Meehan and Ranking Members Thompson and Clarke:

The Internet Security Alliance (ISA)<sup>1</sup> would like to commend you for your continued cybersecurity leadership in crafting H.R. 3696, "The National Cybersecurity and Critical Infrastructure Protection Act of 2013." We are highly encouraged by its bipartisan drafting and unanimous passage through the House Homeland Security Committee. ISA believes that your bill establishes a foundation for a progressive and sustainable cyber security policy for our nation and we support its continued movement through the House and hope you will continue to work with us as it evolves through the rest of the legislative process.

ISA is especially supportive of the bill's efforts to update the SAFETY Act program so that it is now explicitly inclusive of cybersecurity technologies. You may recall I testified before the Cyber Security Subcommittee in 2006 at which time ISA called for the development of a Cyber Safety Act. Your bill is the first step toward that vision by modernizing the SAFETY Act so that it can become a practical tool to provide incentives for organizations to continually upgrade their cyber security practices.

ISA has also long believed that to combat the ever-evolving cyber threat to our critical infrastructure we need a dynamic industry-government partnership. A 20<sup>th</sup> century central government regulatory structure simply can't keep pace with the 21<sup>st</sup> century cyber threat. We believe that the bill's codification of the existing partnership structures, such as the Sector Specific Agency interface with Sector Coordinating Councils, and requirement that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security collaborate with such structures is a great step forward in

enhancing the partnership model, which is essential in protecting our nation's critical infrastructure.

ISA would like to continue to work with you and your staff on further refinements that will enhance the partnership structure as described in the bill and, assist in making the SAFETY Act amendments more easily accessible so that the benefits we both see can be utilized more extensively.

Again, thank you for all the work you are doing to secure our nation's critical infrastructure in general, and our cyber security in particular.

Sincerely,



Larry Clinton  
President & CEO  
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<sup>i</sup> The Internet Security Alliance is a multi-sector trade association founded by the former Chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, Dave McCurdy, in collaboration with the Carnegie Mellon University in 2000. Members of the ISA include representatives from the aviation, banking, communications, defense, education, financial services, insurance, manufacturing, security and technology sectors. Our mission is to create a sustainable system of cyber security by combining public policy with advanced technology and business economics.