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

Dear Mr. Chairman:

We appreciate the Committee's effort in producing a bipartisan cybersecurity bill that recognizes the importance of public-private partnerships and the critical role industry-led initiatives play in facilitating crucial infrastructure protections and incident responses. The bill avoids imposing new technology or regulatory mandates, thus giving communications infrastructure providers the flexibility to implement state-of-the-art measures to defeat an ever-evolving threat. Combined with the legislation already passed by the House and now pending in the Senate that would authorize voluntary sharing of cyber threat information among communications companies and federal agencies, Congress could significantly improve Americans' cybersecurity this year.

Verizon appreciates your leadership and the contributions made by your colleagues, especially Reps. Bennie Thompson (D-MS), Patrick Meehan (R-PA) and Yvette Clarke (D-NY). We will continue to work with key policymakers in Congress and the administration to achieve the enactment of bipartisan, consensus cybersecurity legislation this year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter B. Davidson", enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

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