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Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Peter T. King
Chairman
Committee on Homeland Security
H2-176 Ford House Office Building
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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Daniel E. Lungren
Chairman
Subcommittee on Cybersecurity
Infrastructure Protection, and Security
Technologies
2313 Rayburn House Office Building
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman King and Subcommittee Chairman Lungren:

We write regarding H.R. 3523, the "Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act of 2011."

As we are sure you are aware, H.R. 3523, as reported by the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence on April 17, 2012, contains provisions within the legislative jurisdiction of the Committee on Homeland Security. Beyond authorizing certain functions of the Director of National Intelligence with regard to cybersecurity activities, H.R. 3523 contains provisions addressing government-wide use of cyber threat information for cybersecurity or the protection of national security.

Despite these provisions clearly invoking the Committee's jurisdiction over overall homeland security policy, you chose not to request that the Speaker sequentially refer the measure to the Committee. By doing so, Members of the Committee were denied the opportunity to offer amendments to H.R. 3523 in an open markup session. In light of this, we encourage you to support amendments to H.R. 3523 submitted to the Committee on Rules by Members of our Committee being made in order. Additionally, we urge you to request that the Speaker appoint Members of the Committee to any House-Senate Conference Committee that may convene on H.R. 3523 or similar legislation.

Thank you, in advance, for your attention to this request. Should you or your staff have any further questions on this matter, please contact Ms. Rosaline Cohen, Chief Counsel for Legislation of the Committee on Homeland Security, at x6-2616.

Sincerely,



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Ranking Member

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Yvette D. Clarke
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