



## The Internet Association

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Chairman Jay Rockefeller  
United States Senate  
Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
531 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Ranking Member John Thune  
United States Senate  
Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
511 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Rockefeller and Ranking Member Thune:

The Internet Association appreciates the opportunity to offer a letter of support for the Cybersecurity Act of 2013 (S. 1353). We are dedicated to advancing public policy solutions to strengthen and protect Internet freedom, foster innovation and economic growth, and empower users. Given our commitment to protecting users, The Internet Association recognizes the need for cybersecurity legislation that effectively protects citizens.

We commend your bipartisan effort to pass cybersecurity legislation, which codifies the National Institute of Standards and Technology's (NIST) role in working with the private sector to achieve a workable cybersecurity framework. The Internet industry supports technology-neutral policies and protections to ensure that the Internet remains an incubator for creativity and innovation. The bill's narrow and non-regulatory, public-private approach takes into consideration the rapid evolution of technologies. This approach allows for flexibility to ensure the continuous improvement of cybersecurity.

This legislation has other important purposes such as strengthening cybersecurity research and development and workforce development. Education, public awareness, and preparedness are also key actions necessary to achieve effective cybersecurity. We applaud the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee for its passage of this important bill.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,

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