

August 3, 2015

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Majority Leader, U.S. Senate  
U.S. Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Harry Reid  
Minority Leader, U.S. Senate  
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The Honorable Richard Burr  
Member of the U.S. Senate  
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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
Member of the U.S. Senate  
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Dear Senators:

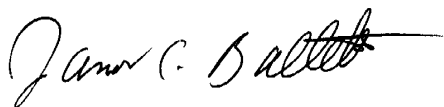
I am writing on behalf of the members of the American Bankers Association (ABA) to urge you to support the Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act (CISA, S. 754) when it is brought to the Senate floor, and to defeat any amendments that would undermine this critically needed legislation.

CISA is bipartisan legislation introduced by Chairman Richard Burr and Vice Chairman Dianne Feinstein, and reported by a strong bipartisan 14-1 vote in the Senate Intelligence Committee. It will enhance ongoing efforts by the private sector and the Federal government to better protect our critical infrastructure and protect Americans from all walks of life from cyber criminals. Importantly, CISA facilitates increased cyber intelligence information sharing between the private and public sectors, and strikes the appropriate balance between protecting consumer privacy and allowing information sharing on serious threats to our nation's critical infrastructure.

Cybersecurity is a top priority for the financial services industry. Banks invest hundreds of millions of dollars every year to put in place multiple layers of security to protect sensitive data. Protecting customers has always been and will remain our top priority and CISA will help us work more effectively with the Federal government and other sectors of the economy to better protect them from cyber attacks.

We urge you to support this important legislation and pass it as soon as possible to better protect America's cybersecurity infrastructure against current and future threats.

Sincerely,



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cc: Members of the U.S. Senate