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The Honorable John D. Rockefeller IV  
Chairman  
Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable John Thune  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation  
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Dear Chairman Rockefeller and Ranking Member Thune,

I am writing to commend you for introducing cybersecurity legislation that directs a NIST-facilitated, industry-driven process to reference and coordinate standards and best practices for critical infrastructure. I appreciate your leadership and dedication to a bipartisan solution that addresses our nation's cybersecurity challenges, and I look forward to continuing to work with you and your Senate colleagues to enact this legislation.

I believe that its passage will produce a voluntary, non-regulatory process enabling further collaboration between the public and private sectors to leverage non-prescriptive and technology-neutral cybersecurity standards for critical infrastructure. Linking adoption of such standards to incentives such as liability protection and streamlined acquisition of technology will create a positive business climate while improving our nation's cybersecurity posture. I am pleased that this legislation contains provisions that strengthen cyber research and development, increase awareness of cyber risks, and improve cybersecurity education and workforce training. The international consensus standards approach included in this legislation empowers the United States government and the private sector to work together in the integration of global principles and standards in cybersecurity.

EMC Corporation supports Senate action on this legislation and we look forward to working with you and your colleagues to continue to make improvements as the legislation advances.

For additional information, please have your staff contact James Hayes, EMC's Senior Director of Government Affairs & Public Policy at 202.741.1522 or [James.hayes@emc.com](mailto:James.hayes@emc.com)

Sincerely,

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