



July 30, 2013

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

The Honorable John Thune
Ranking Member, Committee on
Commerce, Science & Transportation
United States Senate
511 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Rockefeller and Ranking Member Thune:

We appreciate the leadership you have shown to find solutions for the cybersecurity issue, and in introducing S. 1353, the Cybersecurity Act of 2013. Your thoughtful, bipartisan legislation is a significant step in developing the meaningful public-private partnerships that are necessary to secure cyberspace.

Cisco and Oracle strongly support S.1353 and the voluntary, industry-led approach you have taken. The legislation incorporates concepts that are important in the U.S. and globally: a voluntary approach based on technology neutrality and innovation; a focus on industry-led best practices, using the existing foundation and expertise of the innovation-oriented National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST); the protection of privacy; preventing conflicts with, and duplication of, existing regulatory processes or requirements; and a considered focus on increased research and development, education, workforce development, and cybersecurity awareness.

As leading information technology companies, Cisco and Oracle are squarely focused on driving innovation and security into networks and systems. We appreciate your sensitivity to the importance of technological innovation globally. Ultimately, innovation will provide the best defense against cyber incidents and data breaches.

We thank you for your outreach as you considered a path forward, and we look forward to working with you and others in Congress on this critical issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Michael Timmeny".

Michael Timmeny
Vice President,
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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jason J. Mahler".

Jason Mahler
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