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The Honorable John D. Rockefeller IV
Chairman, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable John Thune
Ranking Member, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
U.S. Senate
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Dear Chairman Rockefeller and Ranking Member Thune:

Symantec would like to convey our support for S. 1353, the "Cybersecurity Act of 2013." This important legislation is a step in the right direction to improving the nation's overall cybersecurity posture. The bill recognizes that cybersecurity is a shared government and industry responsibility that requires a coordinated strategy to detect, respond to, and mitigate cyber incidents.

The framework provided in the legislation supports the creation of industry-led, voluntary cybersecurity standards. In order for cybersecurity standards to be effective and widely accepted, they must be technology-neutral and reflect state-of-the-art security practices from around the world. In addition, we particularly appreciate the legislation's efforts to advance cybersecurity research and development. Research and development are key drivers of continued innovation, which is essential for the technology sector to continue to spur economic growth as well as respond to evolving cyber risks.

Thank you again for your commitment to this issue. Symantec looks forward to continuing to work with you to help advance and refine this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cheri F. McGuire", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Cheri F. McGuire
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