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Verizon Supports Rockefeller and Thune Cyber Security Legislation

WASHINGTON – *Senators Jay Rockefeller (D-WV) and John Thune (R-SD) today introduced the “Cyber Security Act of 2013 (S.1353.) The legislation is aimed at fostering public-private partnerships that will collaborate on ways to protect the internet and critical infrastructure from cyber-attacks. The following statement can be attributed to Peter Davidson, Verizon senior vice-president of federal government relations:*

“Protecting our nation from cyber-attacks is a critically important goal. For years, the federal government and the telecom sector have worked together in securing the internet and safeguarding critical infrastructure sectors from cyber-attacks. Industry-led collaboration will help ensure that every sector of the U.S. economy makes the most effective use of innovative new technological advances to stay one step ahead of those seeking to do damage and cause harm.

“The bipartisan bill introduced today by Chairman Rockefeller and Ranking Member Thune will help improve U.S. cyber defenses by creating a voluntary standard setting process

which allows for public-private collaboration on cyber security through the National Institute of Standards and Technology and strengthens research and development in this critical area. In combination with cyber threat information sharing and liability protection legislation, this represents the most effective approach to providing greater cyber protections for American critical infrastructure sectors, as well as the business and individual customers they serve.

“We support their efforts and look forward to working with the members of the Senate Commerce Committee on this important legislation this year.”

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