



June 24, 2010

The Honorable Joseph I. Lieberman
Chairman, Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs Committee
United States Senate
Washington, DC

The Honorable Susan M. Collins
Ranking Member, Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs Committee
United States Senate
Washington, DC

Dear Chairman Lieberman and Ranking Member Collins,

On behalf of EMC Corporation and RSA, The Security Division of EMC, we commend you and Senator Carper for introducing S. 3480, the "Protecting Cyberspace as a National Asset Act of 2010". EMC and RSA provide information infrastructure solutions to thousands of enterprises in the public and private sectors. Daily, we address the constantly evolving threats and risks in cyberspace. As a result, we are acutely aware not only of the cyber security challenges that organizations of all sizes face, but also of the resources, talent, innovative strategies, and vigilance required to effectively manage cyber risks.

It is with this perspective that we thank you for crafting a comprehensive bill that incorporates a risk-based approach to protecting information infrastructure in both the public and private sectors. S. 3480 includes provisions to elevate cyber security in organizations and to enable risk managers in the federal government and covered critical infrastructure sectors, to effectively assess, address, and mitigate cyber security risks to their organizations. We believe that this is the right approach.

Furthermore, it is critically important to update the Federal Information Security and Management Act (FISMA) to move government agencies away from focusing on compliance and toward continuous monitoring and operational risk management. Some agencies do that well now and the provisions in S. 3480 will spur other federal departments and agencies to do the same. We strongly endorse the inclusion of these provisions in this bill.

We encourage the Committee to approve S. 3480 and EMC and RSA look forward to continuing to work with you to make improvements to this important legislation as it moves to the Senate floor.

Sincerely,

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Cc: The Honorable Thomas R. Carper, United States Senate