

July 27, 2012

The Honorable Joseph Lieberman Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs U.S. Senate

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

The Honorable Thomas Carper Chairman, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security U.S. Senate The Honorable Susan Collins
Ranking Member, Committee on Homeland
Security and Governmental Affairs
U.S. Senate

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein Chairman, Select Committee on Intelligence U.S. Senate

Dear Chairman Lieberman, Ranking Member Collins, Chairman Rockefeller, Chairman Feinstein, and Chairman Carper:

Symantec would like to convey our support for S. 3414, the "Cybersecurity Act of 2012." This legislation is the product of years of hard work, and its passage will bring the nation closer to a more secure and resilient cybersecuity posture.

The bill strikes the right balance between improving public-private information sharing capabilities while ensuring that privacy and civil liberties remain intact and protected. In addition, the legislation aims to advance the protection of our federal government networks by moving away from an approach to security that is driven by paper checklists and audits, to one that relies on continuous monitoring and constantly evolving security. We also applaud the decision to leverage existing regulatory and voluntary regimes – instead of creating new ones – to promote cybersecurity risk assessments and the adoption of standards for critical information infrastructure.

Symantec looks forward to continuing to work with you and the full Senate to help advance this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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