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**Statement by Fred Humphries, VP of US Government Affairs, Microsoft Corporation on the Cybersecurity Act of 2012**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. – July 26, 2012** – Fred Humphries, VP of US Government Affairs, Microsoft Corporation issued the following statement on the Cybersecurity Act of 2012, S. 3414:

“The Cybersecurity Act of 2012, S. 3414, is an encouraging step in the legislative process. Microsoft supports Congress’ efforts to advance risk management practices, strengthen protection of critical infrastructure, and enhance appropriate information sharing about cyber-threats.

“Microsoft believes S. 3414 provides an appropriate framework to improve the security of government and critical infrastructure systems to address current threats. The framework is flexible enough to permit future improvements to security – an important point since cyber threats evolve over time. The current bill as it stands seeks to advance these priorities and we continue to work to help ensure that any legislation is optimized to meet cybersecurity challenges while protecting civil liberties and privacy.

We commend the Senate and the bill sponsors for their leadership on this important issue and commit to working with Senators in both parties to help resolve the remaining technical and policy issues so that the legislation meets these important objectives while minimizing unintended consequences.”

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