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The Honorable Harry Reid
Majority Leader
United States Senate

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate

The Honorable Joseph Lieberman
Chairman, Committee on Homeland
Security and Governmental Affairs
United States Senate

The Honorable Susan Collins
Committee on Homeland Security and
Governmental Affairs
United States Senate

Dear Majority Leader Reid, Minority Leader McConnell and Senators Lieberman and Collins:

Improving cybersecurity policy in the United States is of paramount importance. We want to commend you for your leadership on protecting our nation from cyber threats. CA Technologies is a global IT management software and solutions company that serves many of the largest organizations in the world. By the very nature of what we do, we appreciate the complexity of cyber threats and the need for sound policy frameworks to address them. We need a policy framework that both safeguards our nation and preserves opportunities for companies to innovate and bring new security solutions to market. To this end, we believe the newly re-introduced Cybersecurity Act of 2012 (S.3414) is an important step.

We applaud the efforts of Senators Lieberman and Collins to improve the structure of the bill's critical infrastructure focus, for the privacy-enhancing provisions included in information sharing language, and for the continued commitment to modernizing FISMA and authorizing specific investments in cybersecurity research and development at the federal level. We also appreciate the continued recognition of the vital role the private sector plays in assessing and remediating cyber threats. Active collaboration with the IT and other sectors through the use of existing information sharing and analysis organizations, such as the IT-ISAC, will only serve to enhance cybersecurity resilience and information sharing, and we appreciate that these constructs remain core components of S.3414.

Many differing approaches to cybersecurity have been proposed in the 112th Congress, and these must be reconciled to preserve innovation and aggressively combat cyber threats. As the velocity and complexity of threats continues to increase, we believe the time has come for the full Senate to consider broad cybersecurity legislation to improve our nation's competitiveness and resilience, and are pleased to learn that the Senate may soon have the opportunity to consider S.3414. It is our hope that the Senate will agree to move forward with debate on cybersecurity legislation, and will ultimately come to consensus on a balanced and flexible approach to combat cyber threats.

We believe that S.3414 provides a reasonable framework for the Senate to ultimately come to consensus on an overarching approach to cybersecurity, and anticipate that Senators will continue to offer improvements to this framework. As a company that is a committed partner with government, we look forward to working with Senators across the aisle to achieve consensus in areas where different approaches achieve the same end, a safer America.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Savage'.

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