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Via email to: Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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Re: Revised Cybersecurity Act of 2012 (S.3414)

Dear Senators:

I write today to express the support of the National Defense Industrial Association for the passage of the Cybersecurity Act of 2012 (S.3414). The recent revisions introduced to this legislation are important in addressing the concerns that have been expressed over the past year. However, it is now time to push the legislation forward. A national cybersecurity architecture is desperately needed to prepare and protect against the dangers posed by existing cyber threats.

NDIA, a non-profit organization, is the leading Defense Industry association in the United States, with over 1,750 member companies and nearly 96,000 individual members. Our members span the entire spectrum of defense industrial base capabilities and include both large and small businesses – all of whom have a deep interest in advancing cybersecurity as a key component of both national defense and economic security. Strengthening cybersecurity across both public and private sectors simultaneously is fundamental to protecting our security, and in our view must be accomplished with urgency.

NDIA believes that any proposed cybersecurity legislation must answer affirmatively three essential questions: 1) Does the legislation facilitate information sharing between the government and the private sector? 2) Does the legislation address cyber education and training of the cyber workforce? 3) Does the legislation increase the efficiency of cybersecurity?

NDIA believes that the Cybersecurity Act of 2012 (S.3414) answers the above three questions affirmatively. The baseline architecture provided by the legislation sets forth leadership, definitions, and a strategy for addressing cybersecurity. It is by no means a perfect piece of legislation, and as the legislation process evolves, NDIA looks forward to contributing to its improvement. But the urgency at hand demands that the legislation be passed without further delay and I urge your support in that regard.

My POC for additional information or questions is Major General Barry Bates, USA, Retired, Vice President for Operations, 703-247.2559, bbates@ndia.org.

Sincerely,



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