

July 31, 2012

Dear Senator,

We the undersigned organizations write in opposition to amendments that would strip privacy protections from Title VII, the information sharing title of S. 3414, the Cybersecurity Act of 2012. While our organizations may have differing opinions on other Titles of the bill, or are waiting to see the final product before making vote recommendations on the bill as a whole, we are in agreement that the current version of Title VII should be considered the privacy floor, and not the ceiling. To that end, we strongly oppose amendments that have been, or are expected to be offered that would substitute the information sharing provisions of SECURE IT or otherwise weaken privacy safeguards, including:

- Any amendments that would strike the requirement that information shared with the government under this program be directed to civilian agencies;
- Any amendments that would allow information collected under cybersecurity programs to be used for general criminal prosecutions or national security purposes unrelated to cybersecurity;
- Any amendments that would remove requirements that companies make reasonable efforts to protect personally identifiable information that is irrelevant to cyber threats;
- Any amendments that would strip oversight and accountability provisions such as independent audits and reports or private rights of action against the government for willful or intentional misconduct;

We believe all of these amendments would substantially and negatively affect privacy and civil liberties and will be closely following your votes if you are presented with such amendments.

Sincerely,

American Association of Law Libraries

American Library Association

American Civil Liberties Union

Association of Research Libraries

Aviary, Inc.

Center for Democracy and Technology

Center for Media and Democracy

Center for National Security Studies

Center for Rights

Competitive Enterprise Institute

Constitution Project

Cyber Privacy Project
Defending Dissent Foundation
Demand Progress
Democrats.com
Electronic Frontier Foundation
Free Press Action Fund
Liberty Coalition
National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
OpentheGovernment.org
PolitiHacks
Privacy Activism
TechFreedom
Techdirt
World Privacy Forum