

April 16, 2015

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Harry Reid
United States Senate
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Re: Support for the *Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act of 2015 (S. 754)*

Dear Majority Leader McConnell and Minority Leader Reid:

The undersigned organizations are writing in support of the *Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act of 2015 (CISA)*. This bipartisan legislation was recently approved by the Select Committee on Intelligence by a vote of 14-1. We urge you to bring this critically important legislation to the Senate Floor as soon as possible.

The threat of cyber-attacks is a clear and present danger to the commercial facilities sector, to other critical infrastructure sectors and the nation's economy. Recent cyber incidents underscore the need for legislation to help businesses improve their awareness of cyber threats and to enhance their protection and response capabilities in collaboration with government entities. These attacks are advancing in scope and complexity.

The commercial facilities sector has a central role in the nation's economy and, as such, remains vulnerable to cyber attacks. The sector includes retail centers, hotels, casinos, theme parks, studios, office and apartment buildings, convention centers, sports stadiums, and other sites where large numbers of people live, congregate to pursue business activities, conduct personal commercial transactions, and enjoy recreational pastimes.

The commercial facilities sector is dedicated to improving our capacity to guard against cyber attacks and help protect our customers from these threats. However, current law does not do enough to foster information sharing and establish clear lines of communication with the various government agencies responsible for cybersecurity. CISA will strengthen the nation's ability to defend against cyber-attacks and better protect all Americans by encouraging the business community and the government to quickly and effectively share critical information about these threats while ensuring privacy.

More effective information sharing provides some of the strongest protections for American businesses and their customers. CISA safeguards privacy and civil liberties, while establishing appropriate roles for government agencies and civilians.

Cybersecurity is a top priority for the commercial facilities sector, our respective organizations and member firms. We look forward to our continued work with you and your colleagues in the Senate to enact effective cyber threat information sharing legislation into law.

Sincerely,

American Gaming Association
American Resort Development Association
Building Owners and Managers Association International
International Council of Shopping Centers
NAIOP, the Commercial Building Development Association
National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts
National Apartment Association
National Multifamily Housing Council
Real Estate Board of New York
The Real Estate Roundtable