

March 6, 2012

Dear Members of Congress,

Northrop Grumman applauds Congress' commitment to strengthening our nation's cybersecurity posture. As a leading cybersecurity provider to the federal government we recognize that cyber attacks represent one of the greatest threats to our national and economic security.

On-line attacks are becoming more voluminous, more sophisticated, and more dangerous every day, as our adversaries attempt to steal our nation's intellectual property and deny us the ability to operate as we wish. As the world becomes increasingly dependent upon modern computer technology, we become more vulnerable to cyber attacks. Protecting our networks and information systems require unprecedented cooperation between the federal government and the private sector and near-continuous monitoring of our country's networks for us to stay ahead of the evolving threats.

Northrop Grumman provides innovative solutions that protect some of the most targeted systems and information in the world. We understand the severity and complexity of the cyber threats and what is needed to protect our nation's networks and critical systems. Consequently, Northrop Grumman supports the enactment of cybersecurity legislation that achieves the following objectives:

- Strengthens critical infrastructure protection and facilitates the sharing of threat information across the public and private sectors, while also protecting personal and proprietary data
- Requires autonomous, continuous monitoring and threat assessment to enable the real-time situational awareness of the nation's networks and missions
- Improves the agility of the federal acquisition process to address rapidly-evolving cyber threats
- Ensures that the cyber risks of each program or product acquired by the government for critical functions are appropriately considered
- Increases investments in cybersecurity technology and training of our current workforce and supports the development of the next generation of scientists and engineers

Northrop Grumman appreciates the open dialogue with Members of Congress and staff on this important issue and looks forward to continue working closely with you as we take steps to make our nation safer and more secure from cyber threats.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wes Bush". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Wes Bush