



CISA amendments should strengthen the bill—not weaken its clarity and effectiveness

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Included here is a snapshot of the Protecting America’s Cyber Networks Coalition’s position on the [amendments](#) made in order in August to S. 754, the Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act of 2015 (CISA).

Amendment	Coalition position				
	Strongly supports	Supports	Neutral	Opposes	Strongly opposes
Managers’ amendment (Sens. Burr and Feinstein)		✓			
1. No. 2564 (Sen. Paul)					✓
2. No. 2548 (Sen. Heller)				✓	
3. No. 2582 (Sen. Flake)					✓
4. No. 2578 (Sen. Vitter)			✓		
5. No. 2579 (Sen. Vitter)	✓				
6. No. 2581 (Sen. Cotton)	✓				
7. No. 2603 (Sen. Kirk)		✓			
8. No. 2604 (Sen. Coats)			✓		
9. No. 2631 (Sen. Gardner)		✓			
10. No. 2580 (Sen. Flake)		✓			
11. No. 2627 (Sen. Carper)			✓		
12. No. 2552 (Sen. Coons)				✓	
13. No. 2612 (Sen. Franken)					✓
14. No. 2632 (Sen. Tester)			✓		
15. No. 2587 (Sen. Leahy)					✓
16. No. 2589 (Sen. Murphy)		✓			
17. No. 2626 (Sen. Whitehouse)		✓			
18. No. 2621 (Sen. Wyden)					✓
19. No. 2622 (Sen. Wyden)				✓	
20. No. 2557 (Sen. Mikulski)			✓		
21. No. 2615 (Sen. Carper)			✓		
Total (22)	2	6	6	3	5

Agricultural Retailers Association (ARA)
 Airlines for America (A4A)
 Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers
 American Bankers Association (ABA)
 American Cable Association (ACA)
 American Chemistry Council (ACC)
 American Coatings Association
 American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers (AFPM)
 American Gaming Association
 American Gas Association (AGA)
 American Insurance Association (AIA)
 American Petroleum Institute (API)
 American Public Power Association (APPA)
 American Water Works Association (AWWA)
 ASIS International
 Association of American Railroads (AAR)
 Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (AMWA)
 BITS–Financial Services Roundtable
 College of Healthcare Information Management Executives (CHIME)
 CompTIA–The Computing Technology Industry Association
 CTIA–The Wireless Association
 Edison Electric Institute (EEI)
 Electronic Payments Coalition (EPC)
 Electronic Transactions Association (ETA)
 Federation of American Hospitals (FAH)
 Food Marketing Institute (FMI)
 Global Automakers
 GridWise Alliance
 HIMSS–Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society
 HITRUST–Health Information Trust Alliance
 Large Public Power Council (LPPC)
 National Association of Chemical Distributors (NACD)
 National Association of Manufacturers (NAM)
 National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies (NAMIC)
 National Association of Water Companies (NAWC)
 National Business Coalition on e-Commerce & Privacy
 National Cable & Telecommunications Association (NCTA)
 National Retail Federation (NRF)
 National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA)
 NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association
 Property Casualty Insurers Association of America (PCI)
 The Real Estate Roundtable
 Retail Industry Leaders Association (RILA)
 Security Industry Association
 Software & Information Industry Association (SIIA)
 Society of Chemical Manufacturers & Affiliates (SOCMA)
 Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA)
 Transmission Access Policy Study Group (TAPS)
 United States Telecom Association (USTelecom)
 U.S. Chamber of Commerce
 Utilities Telecom Council (UTC)

Hackers Can Hack Anywhere, Anytime: Cybersecurity Legislation Needs to Pass Now

The Protecting America's Cyber Networks Coalition welcomes the Senate back from the August recess and urges it to pass S. 754, the Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act of 2015 (CISA). Some of the most virulent cyberattacks are originating from foreign states or their proxies and sophisticated criminals. The coalition strongly supports CISA so that businesses can better defend their networks and their customers' data.

Sens. Burr and Feinstein, the authors of CISA, have revised their bill this summer to further expand its already robust privacy protections. Among other things, the managers' amendment further limits the sharing of cyber threat data to "cybersecurity purposes." The revised measure eliminates the government's ability to use cyber threat indicators to investigate and prosecute "serious violent felonies." Taken together, these two changes put to rest any false claims that CISA is a surveillance bill.

The coalition believes that Congress needs to send a bill to the president that gives businesses legal certainty that they have protections against frivolous lawsuits when voluntarily sharing cyber threat information and taking actions to mitigate cyberattacks. The legislation also needs to offer safeguards related to public disclosure, regulatory, and antitrust matters. CISA reflects sound compromises among many stakeholders on these issues.