

Dear Mr. Danilow,

Thank you for contacting me regarding H.R. 624, the Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act (CISPA). I appreciate having the opportunity to know your views on issues of importance to Northwest Florida and our Nation.

Information technology is a crucial component of our daily personal and economic lives. Yet, each year our Nation receives numerous cyber attacks that seek to steal vital information from American citizens and businesses. Cyber attacks do not just threaten our national security; they also have an enormous negative impact on jobs and our economy.

These cyber attacks include Chinese and Russian-based intrusions into corporate business networks for the purpose of industrial espionage, as well as attacks from rogue hackers or attempts at state-sponsored intrusion from countries like Iran aimed at disrupting key internet functions or harming vital infrastructure. Each year, upwards of \$300 billion worth of intellectual property is stolen from American businesses by cyber security intrusions emanating from abroad. To help combat these serious threats to our national and economic security, the House passed recently passed cyber security legislation to curb costly cyber attacks on American intellectual property and to protect our national security.

The House passed H.R. 624, the Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act by a vote of 288-167 on April 18, 2013. H.R. 624 seeks to establish voluntary information-sharing links between the private sector and the government. Rather than seeking to intrude on the private sector by mandating the sharing of information, this bill would encourage companies to share cyber threat information by limiting the government's use of the information and protecting the companies from liability.

While combating cyber attacks is vital to our Nation's interest, we must also ensure that our constitutional liberties are protected. During debate on H.R. 624, I was glad to support an amendment offered by Representative Mike Rogers (R-MI), which was agreed to by a vote of 418-0, to improve the bill by **clarifying that the federal government may not make use of any records with personal identifiable information**—such as firearms sales records, tax return records, and medical records—shared under the legislation. I was also glad to see amendments offered to clarify that nothing in the bill authorizes the Department of Defense, National Security Agency or other Intelligence Community element to target an American citizen for surveillance, and that nothing in the bill authorizes companies receiving cyber threat information to sell the personal information of a consumer for marketing purposes.

Again, thank you for bringing this issue to my attention. If you would like to receive further information on issues of importance to you, please log on to my website at <http://jeffmiller.house.gov/>. As always, please feel free to contact my office if you have any further concerns.

Sincerely,

Jeff Miller
Member of Congress