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The Honorable Michael McCaul  
Chairman, Homeland Security Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Devin Nunes  
Chairman, Select Committee on Intelligence  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairmen McCaul and Nunes:

The undersigned organizations are writing in support of two cybersecurity measures: the *Protecting Cyber Networks Act* (H.R. 1560) and the *National Cybersecurity Protection Advancement Act* of 2015 (H.R. 1731), recently reported out of your respective Committees with bipartisan support. We urge the House to bring these critically important pieces of legislation to the Floor as soon as possible.

Both of you and your respective Committee's staff are to be commended for making progress on these important measures. Both measures will help enhance cybersecurity information-sharing vital to protecting American businesses and their customers.

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. H.R. 1560 and 1731 will help provide businesses with strong protections from liability when voluntarily sharing and receiving threat information, while establishing appropriate roles for government agencies and civilians.

More effective information sharing provides some of the strongest protections for American businesses and their customers to mitigate cyberattacks. Timely, effective, bi-directional information-sharing of actionable data with information sharing and analysis centers (ISACs) and related business organizations is vital to help American businesses counter future cyberattacks. H.R. 1560 and 1731 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. As these measures progress, we urge the House to make appropriate refinements to further encourage more effective bi-directional information-sharing.

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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 House to enact effective cyber threat information sharing legislation into law.

Sincerely,

American Gaming Association  
American Land Title 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  
The Real Estate Roundtable

cc: Members of The U.S. House of Representatives