



United States Senate

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Senator Joseph I. Lieberman, Chairman

Senator Susan M. Collins, Ranking Member

What Key Groups and Experts Are Saying About the Lieberman, Collins, Carper Cyber Security Bill

- **Intelligence and National Security Alliance (INSA):**
 - **Ellen E. McCarthy, President of INSA says,**
“INSA’s Cyber Security Council has been closely and actively studying the problems surrounding national cyber security for the past two years, to include supporting the White House 60-Day Review of Cyber Security. In their latest publication, [Addressing Cyber Security through Public - Private Partnership](#), the Cyber Security Council calls for clear ownership of the problem and the creation of a central, responsible party within government with whom the private sector can interact and consult on security issues. We believe this legislation can and will create such a center and that it is a vital step forward in the effort to secure cyberspace and preserve American power and security.”

- **The Professional Services Council (PSC):**
 - **Alan Chvotkin, Executive Vice President of PSC says,**
“PSC strongly supports the leadership that both Chairman Lieberman and Ranking Member Collins have shown with this legislation. It addresses, and provides solutions for, a number of important federal Government issues relating to cyber security, including the appropriate focus on acquisition strategies, supply chain management, information sharing and risk assessments ... We thank you for the opportunity to be engaged in the development of this important national policy and look forward to continuing to working further with you on it. PSC strongly urges your committee to act expeditiously to move a bill to the full Senate for its prompt consideration.”

- **Coalition for Government Procurement:**
 - **Larry Allen, President of the Coalition says,**
“I am writing to offer the Coalition’s support of the Protecting Cyberspace as a National Asset Act of 2010 which enhances the security and resiliency of the cyber and communications infrastructure of the United States... A partnership between the private and public sector is necessary to ensure that the government remains up to date from a technology perspective... From a procurement perspective, the Coalition supports the notion that federal agencies should seek products and services that are secure. Information about a product’s features as well as assurance that the supply chain is secure provides government customers with the information they need in order to purchase the right information technology goods and services to meet our nation’s cyber security objectives.”

- **Center for Democracy and Technology:**
 - **Leslie Harris, President of the Center says,**
“We thank Senators Lieberman, Collins and Carper for their leadership on cyber security and for the care that went into this complex, sweeping legislation... The bill includes some important privacy protections for Internet communications that might be sought by DHS in connection with its cyber security mission and shared with intelligence and law enforcement agencies.”

- **SANS Institute:**
 - **Alan Paller, Director of Research for the Institute says,**
“Thursday was a very good day for [information security](#) in government... The Senate began the process of transforming federal information security so that the U.S. government can lead by example in making America's computers and networks much safer than they are today.”

- **Stewart Baker, former Assistant Secretary for Policy at DHS and former General Counsel for NSA:**
 - **Mr. Baker says,**
“As we’ve come to expect from the bill’s cosponsors, this is a careful and responsible bipartisan approach to a serious problem that could become a crisis at any time. It provides a comprehensive framework for addressing the problem and protecting our most critical infrastructure without forcing unnecessarily broad new mandates on an industry that contributes greatly to our economy’s productivity.”

- **Karen Evans, Former Administrator for E-Government and IT, Office of Management and Budget:**
 - **Ms. Evans says,**
“I am really excited about the introduction of this legislation especially as it relates to strengthening the authorities of DHS. It is necessary for the Director of the National Center for Cybersecurity and Communications to have the appropriate authorities to really make a difference and improve the security posture of the federal agencies and critical infrastructure and this bill does exactly that. I am especially excited with the inclusion of the workforce provisions such as the establishment of the cyber talent competitions and challenges. By addressing all aspects of the cyber security issue, the passage of this bill will really make a difference in reducing the overall risk to our federal agencies and critical infrastructure.”

- **U.S. Chamber of Commerce:**
 - **Ann Beauchesne, Vice President of National Security & Emergency Preparedness says,**
“The U.S. Chamber of Commerce welcomed the introduction of the ‘Protecting Cyberspace as a National Asset Act of 2010,’ sponsored by members of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee... Cyber security threats are growing in scope and sophistication and causing significant challenges for businesses of all sizes... We look forward to continuing a productive dialogue with the committee to strengthen and protect the American economy.”

- **McAfee:**
 - **Dave DeWalt, Chief Executive Officer says,**
“Senators Lieberman, Collins, and Carper must be commended for crafting a thoughtful cyber security reform bill that will help secure our Federal government and our nation's critical infrastructures. The Senators and their staffs have done an outstanding job of reaching out to the IT industry to get our feedback on this bill. McAfee looks forward to working with our colleagues in the IT industry and the sponsors of this bill to further refine language that addresses security standards, supply chain mandates, and critical infrastructure reporting requirements.”

- **Symantec:**
 - **Mark Bregman, Executive Vice President & Chief Technology Officer says,**
“As the world’s information security leader, Symantec would like to convey our support for the ‘Protecting Cyberspace as a National Asset Act of 2010’. This important legislation will enhance and modernize our nation’s overall cyber security posture in order to safeguard our critical infrastructure from attack. The bill also importantly recognizes cyber security as a shared government and private sector responsibility which requires a coordinated strategy to detect, report and mitigate cyber incidents. We look forward to working with the Committee to help advance this important legislation.”