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The Honorable Joseph Lieberman
706 Hart Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator Lieberman:

I very much enjoyed meeting with you and the rest of the Connecticut delegation last week. As in prior years, our discussion was productive and focused on issues critical to UTC and our nation.

I was particularly interested to learn about the Cybersecurity Act of 2012 (S. 2105), which you and Senators Collins, Feinstein and Rockefeller have introduced to tackle the pressing issue of cybersecurity. UTC strongly supports the bill's thoughtful and balanced approach to this problem.

As you know, securing our critical infrastructure from cyber threats is imperative. As online attacks grow in number and significance, we must take all steps necessary to safeguard our critical networks.

Cyber attacks also risk America's innovation, especially in high-technology manufacturing. If persistent cyber thieves can simply steal technologies that took many years and significant resources to research and develop, the international competitiveness of U.S. manufacturers will be threatened. Ultimately, this theft could erode the country's national security and standard of living.

As you have recognized with your proposed legislation, the status quo is simply not tenable. I am gratified by the leadership you and your colleagues have shown in crafting S. 2105, and reassured by your commitment to America's national and economic security.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Louis R. Chênevert", with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

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