



John M. Ryan
Chief Legal Officer

TEL: (720) 888-6150
FAX: (720) 888-5127
John.ryan@level3.com

February 22, 2012

The Honorable Joseph I. Lieberman
706 Hart Senate Office Building
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Lieberman:

As a premier global provider of IP-based communications services to enterprise, content, government and wholesale customers over a fiber optic network connecting 46 countries on three continents, Level 3 appreciates the work of Senators Lieberman, Collins, Rockefeller and Feinstein in taking action to deal with the critically important and complex issue of cybersecurity. Development of a known, understood and comprehensive framework and authorities as well as a roadmap for enhancing security in federal networks and critical infrastructure is long overdue.

Level 3 supports the recently released Cybersecurity Act of 2012 and is in favor of bi-partisan legislation that protects our country from cyber attacks that could cripple activities from our military defenses to our critical infrastructure. Level 3 believes the introduction of the Cybersecurity Act of 2012 is an important and crucial step in addressing the issue of cybersecurity. Once passed, the Act will assist the industry in protecting critical infrastructure in a manner that incorporates the flexibility needed in the quickly-changing technology market. The framework proposed can help us address the many policy and technology issues we are likely to encounter in the future in the rapidly changing IT environment.

Level 3 is a strong proponent of increased private/public information sharing and believes such sharing is the most effective means of protecting our cybersecurity. At the same time, Level 3 believes there must be strong and clear liability provisions and privacy protections. While much remains to be settled, as a nation we need to move forward on cybersecurity. Again, we applaud the Senators Lieberman, Collins, Rockefeller and Feinstein for taking the initial step forward by introducing the Cybersecurity Act of 2012 and we look forward to working with you and other interested parties as we seek a common solution on cybersecurity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John M. Ryan".

John M. Ryan
Chief Legal Officer