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The Honorable Lamar Smith
Chairman
The Honorable Eddie Bernice Johnson
Ranking Member
Committee on Science, Space and Technology
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable John Thune
Chairman
The Honorable Bill Nelson
Ranking Member
Committee on Commerce, Science and
Transportation
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Support for "The Promoting Good Cyber Hygiene Act" (H.R. 3010 & S.1745)

Dear Chairmen and Ranking Members:

ASIS International is the world's leading organization for security professionals, with over 20,000 members in the United States. For over 60 years, ASIS has strived to ensure that its members have access to the resources necessary to protect the people, property, and information assets of the businesses and organizations they serve. Accordingly, ASIS strongly supports the recently introduced Promoting Good Cyber Hygiene Act, a bipartisan bill that instructs the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to establish and make accessible online a baseline set of voluntary best practices for good "cyber hygiene" that can be used by private sector organizations and individuals.

Already this year, there have been two worldwide cyberattacks that affected hundreds of thousands of computers, and cyberattacks are a grave threat to American businesses and organizations. There is no doubt cyberattacks will continue, but if organizations and individuals practice better cyber hygiene -- often as simple as regularly installing software updates -- many cyberattacks can be prevented.

To this end, the bill will make available to businesses and individuals "a list of simple, basic controls that have the most impact in defending against common cybersecurity threats and risks." The list will be reviewed and updated regularly, and it will be accessible online. Such a resource will be very beneficial to all computer users, especially businesses, and on behalf of ASIS International and its members, I strongly urge your Committees to take action on this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

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cc: Members of the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology
cc: Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation