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Dear Senator:

The Electronic Transactions Association write to urge you to oppose the following amendments to CISA. CISA helps our member companies' defend against cyberattacks by providing limited legal liability protection for voluntarily sharing information about cyber threats. CISA is a crucial part of the process to reduce fraudulent cyber attacks. CISA creates an early warning system for companies of all sizes in all sectors as fraud schemes begin to develop.

Two amendments, however, would weaken CISA and the majority of our members urge you to oppose them.

- Leahy Amendment 2587- would severely weaken or eliminate the ability of businesses to appeal to any FOIA protections when sharing cyber threat information. Making public the name of a company that shared cyber threat information would have a chilling effect on the whole program.
- Franken Amendment 2612- narrows and muddles the definition of cyber threat information, resulting in extended litigation over definitions.

Protecting the security of Americans citizens and business from increasingly sophisticated cyberattacks is a paramount concerned and CISA is a major step in achieving this goal. The amendments above weaken or call into question the viability of CISA. As such, the majority of ETA's members encourage you to oppose these amendments.

The Electronic Transactions Association (ETA) is the global trade association of the payments industry representing more than 500 payments and technology companies. ETA members make commerce possible by processing more than \$5 trillion in purchases in the U.S. and deploying payments innovations to merchants and consumers.

Sincerely,



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