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The Honorable Mark Green
Chairman
Committee on Homeland Security
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Bennie Thompson
Ranking Member
Committee on Homeland Security
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Andrew Garbarino
Chairman
Subcommittee on Cybersecurity and
Infrastructure Protection
Committee on Homeland Security
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Eric Swalwell
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Cybersecurity and
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Dear Chairman Green, Ranking Member Thompson, Subcommittee Chairman Garbarino, and Subcommittee Ranking Member Swalwell:

Business Roundtable urges the Committee on Homeland Security to swiftly consider legislation to reauthorize the Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act of 2015 to ensure there is no disruption in the critical information-sharing activities on which the public and private sectors depend to defend against escalating cyber threats. A lapse in the Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act of 2015 authorities would hamstring both federal and private sector preparedness for and response to cyber threats. It would signal to malicious threat actors that, after September 30, 2025, the United States' cybersecurity posture will weaken, potentially encouraging future attacks on our critical infrastructure.

Since enactment, the Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act of 2015 has played a crucial role in facilitating information sharing on cybersecurity threats in the United States. By providing liability protections and exemptions from federal antitrust law, Freedom of Information Act disclosure, and state disclosure laws, the law incentivizes voluntary sharing of cyber threat indicators and defensive measures. This law ultimately simplifies the process for sharing information, reducing regulatory burden and accelerating the response to cybersecurity incidents within and across sectors. The collective defense of private sector networks is more important than ever as the cyber threat landscape grows increasingly perilous.

As the federal government and private sector have worked to collaboratively improve cybersecurity, the Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act of 2015's framework has served as the foundation. For example, the law underpins not only Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security

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Agency's (CISA) Joint Cyber Defense Collaborative but also serves to drive greater information sharing between the various critical infrastructure sectors through Information Sharing and Analysis Centers. Moreover, the Cyber Incident Reporting for Critical Infrastructure Act explicitly builds on Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act of 2015 by directing CISA to use consistent procedures for incident reporting.

Thank you for holding today's hearing entitled "In Defense of Defensive Measures: Reauthorizing Cybersecurity Information Sharing Activities that Underpin U.S. National Cyber Defense." Business Roundtable appreciates the Committee on Homeland Security's commitment to strengthening the nation's cybersecurity defenses. Reauthorization of the Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act of 2015 is critical for the public and private sectors to defend against escalating cyber threats. We look forward to continued collaboration with you and your staff to ensure this essential authority is renewed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy Shuart". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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