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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

THE DIRECTOR

May 12, 2011

The Honorable John Boehner  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

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This proposal was developed by an interagency team made up of representatives from multiple departments and agencies, and reflects many of the ideas previously considered by the Congress and this Administration to strengthen cybersecurity. The Administration is ready to make available cybersecurity experts from key departments and agencies to discuss this proposal with you and the appropriate committees at your convenience. The prompt and favorable consideration of this proposal would be appreciated.

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Jacob J. Lew  
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