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The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
H 228 Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Hastert:

The Conference of State Bank Supervisors (CSBS), the North American Securities Administrators Association (NASAA), and the National Association of State Credit Union Supervisors (NASCUS) would like to commend your efforts to develop a strong national data security law.

In addition to being at the forefront of developing standards and triggers for disclosure of data security breaches, the states have also had a long history of partnering with the federal government in enforcement of federal standards relating to protecting personal information.

For that reason, we strongly believe that any bill dealing with data security breaches should preserve the state enforcement of the law as it does in the original version of the Energy and Commerce Committee's bill, H.R. 4127. A state role is vital to effective consumer protection, and we strongly support a continuation of the enforcement role of the state attorneys general.

In addition, should Congress decide to preempt state law, we urge you to enact high standards ensuring a strong national security breach notification and a security freeze law such that consumers are not deprived of the protections that state laws currently provide.

Thank you for your consideration of our views.

Sincerely,

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