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The following table provides names and contact information for CRS experts on policy issues related to cybersecurity bills currently being debated in the 112th Congress. Concerns about information-system security, often referred to as cybersecurity, are long-standing. The frequency, impact, and sophistication of cyberattacks and the growth of cybercrime and cyberespionage have added urgency to the concerns. Consensus has been growing that the policy framework for cybersecurity take into account the diversity and continuing evolution of the technology and threats—from spam to botnets to hacktivism, cyberterrorism, and cyberwar—and the increasing role of the Internet in the U.S. economy and the lives of citizens. Among the issues Congress will likely confront are cybersecurity for critical infrastructure, most of which is owned by the private sector; information sharing, both of unclassified and classified information, along with protection of privacy and civil liberties; prevention of and response to domestic and international cybercrime and espionage; the relationship between cyberspace and national security; and how federal funding should be invested to protect information systems.

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