The advent of Information Technology or Cyber technology has brought a lot of benefits to every facets of our lives. The present digital revolution has also resulted in unprecedented prosperity and efficiency in our globalized economy and has become inextricably linked to all facets of our modern-day life. By all accounts, the innovations in cyber technology will continue to drive global progress well into the foreseeable future. Furthermore, it will continue to advance at astounding speeds. Ironically, the improvements that accompany the advent of cyber technology has also brought a growing number of challenges and risks that threaten the very foundation of our Nation’s security and prosperity. In view of the foregoing, it is safe to say that cybersecurity is one of the most serious economic and national security challenges that is presently confronting us as a Nation. Our adversaries employ sophisticated tools and they possess substantial resources. These growing threats also pose formidable risks to our Nation’s Maritime Transportation System (MTS) and critical infrastructure, and by direct extension, our Nation’s security and economic stability. With approximately three hundred and sixty sea and river ports, which handle more than $1.5 trillion in annual cargo, our Nation is critically dependent on a safe, secure, and efficient MTS, which in-turn is highly dependent on a complex, globally-networked system of automated cyber technology infrastructure. In view of the foregoing, various strategies suitable for mitigating the vast array of cyber threats confronting our Maritime Transportation System industry will be presented.

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