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TechNet Applauds U.S. House of Representatives for Passing Legislation to Modernize Federal IT Systems and Strengthen Cybersecurity

Washington — TechNet, the national, bipartisan network of innovation economy CEOs and senior executives, today applauded the U.S. House of Representatives for passing legislation that would allow the federal government to improve its outdated technology systems and bolster the nation's cybersecurity defenses.

The *Modernizing Government Technology Act* (MGT Act) authorizes funding to improve, retire, or replace current federal government technology systems, accelerate the transition to cloud computing, and procure IT products and services to strengthen the federal government's cybersecurity defenses. Representative Will Hurd (R-TX) introduced the bill last month with Representatives Robin Kelly (D-IL) and Gerry Connolly (D-VA). Senators Jerry Moran (R-KS) and Tom Udall (D-NM) have introduced a companion bill, S. 990, which awaits action in the Senate.

In welcoming the House's action, TechNet President and CEO Linda Moore issued the following statement:

"With this vote, the House sent a bipartisan message in no uncertain terms that it is time to move beyond the IT status quo that federal agencies and departments are saddled with today."

"The federal government spends 80 percent of its \$80 billion IT budget on maintaining aging, insecure, and expensive legacy systems. This is simply unacceptable in an era of increasing cyber threats."

"The MGT Act will accelerate the sound adoption of state-of-the-art technologies, helping the federal government secure citizen data from cyber attacks, deliver higher quality services to our veterans and other citizens, and save taxpayer dollars."

"TechNet thanks Representative Will Hurd, Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, Minority Whip Steny Hoyer, Representative Robin Kelly, and Representative Gerry Connolly for their leadership on this critically important issue. TechNet stands ready to work with the Senate to pass the

MGT Act and usher in a new era of secure, efficient, and cost-effective government services.”

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