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TechNet Applauds Senate Judiciary Committee Vote to Approve *Judicial Redress Act*

Washington—TechNet, the bipartisan policy and political network of innovation economy CEOs and senior executives, today applauded the Senate Judiciary Committee’s vote to approve the *Judicial Redress Act*. The legislation was approved the U.S. House of Representatives last October, and now goes to the full Senate for consideration.

“The Committee’s action today is an important step forward in restoring global public trust in the American government and tech companies,” said Linda Moore, president and CEO of TechNet. **“The United States must address the urgent need to finalize the data protection Umbrella Agreement with the European Union. The completion of a cross-border data flow agreement is essential to driving American innovation and maintaining the U.S. technology sector’s global competitiveness. TechNet urges U.S. and EU negotiators to swiftly finalize a new Safe Harbor agreement, which will provide American companies with certainty as they process transatlantic flows of data.”**

“TechNet applauds Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Leahy for advancing this legislation. We urge the full Senate to pass the *Judicial Redress Act* as soon as possible.”

The *Judicial Redress Act* is an integral part of the adoption of the U.S.-EU data protection Umbrella Agreement, which puts in place a comprehensive high-level data protection framework for U.S.-EU law enforcement cooperation. The legislation grants protections to records shared by EU and other designated countries with U.S. law enforcement for criminal investigations and extends legal remedies to those countries’ citizens who believe their records have been improperly handled by U.S. authorities.

The Act is also a point of discussion in the ongoing negotiations for a new Safe Harbor agreement. These negotiations gained particular urgency when the European Court of Justice invalidated the original Safe Harbor agreement last October. U.S. and EU negotiators have until February 2 to finalize a new pact before American companies could face legal action by EU privacy regulators.

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TechNet is the national, bipartisan network of technology CEOs and senior executives that promotes the growth of the innovation economy by advocating a targeted policy agenda at the federal and 50-state level. TechNet's diverse membership includes dynamic startups to the most iconic companies on the planet and represents more than 2.5 million employees in the fields of information technology, e-commerce, advanced energy, biotechnology, venture capital, and finance. TechNet has offices in Washington, D.C., Silicon Valley, San Francisco, Sacramento, Austin, Boston, Seattle, Albany, and Tallahassee.

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