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## **TechNet Congratulates Robert Lighthizer, Looks Forward to Advancing Pro-Innovation Trade Agenda**

*Washington* — TechNet, the national, bipartisan network of innovation economy CEOs and senior executives, today welcomed the U.S. Senate's confirmation of Robert Lighthizer to be U.S. Trade Representative and expressed its hope for advancing a pro-innovation trade agenda.

**"American tech entrepreneurs and workers produce the world's most sought after innovations, and we need a robust trade agenda that maximizes opportunities for American businesses and workers and enforces Americans' intellectual property rights,"** said Linda Moore, president and CEO of TechNet. **"We congratulate Ambassador Lighthizer on his confirmation to be U.S. Trade Representative and look forward to working with him to advance a trade agenda that fully seizes the opportunities that trade offers American innovators and workers."**

**"As Ambassador Lighthizer settles into his new role and the Administration focuses on its trade agenda, we must ensure that every effort is made to support the modern digital economy,"** Moore added. **"This includes policies to support the free flow of data, remove tariff and non-tariff barriers that hurt American tech workers, support safe harbors against intermediary liability, and oppose data localization requirements and other measures that discriminate against U.S. technology."**

Between 2005 and 2014, cross-border data flows grew by 45 times, generating \$2.8 trillion in economic value in 2014 — a greater impact on world GDP than global trade in goods.

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