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TechNet Applauds House Judiciary Committee for Approving ECPA Reform

Washington—TechNet, the national, bipartisan network of innovation economy CEOs and senior executives, today applauded the House Judiciary Committee for approving a legislative update to the outdated *Electronic Communications Privacy Act* (ECPA) and urged the full House and Senate to pass this critical legislation as quickly as possible.

“Our nation’s electronic communications privacy laws are seriously out of date,” said Linda Moore, president and CEO of TechNet. **“These laws were last updated in 1986, at a time when the modern Internet and the ‘cloud’ did not exist.”**

“Today, the House Judiciary Committee took a major step toward updating these laws. The bill approved by the committee today makes clear that the warrant standard of the U.S. Constitution applies to private digital information just as it applies to physical property. It also ends ECPA’s arbitrary ‘180-day rule,’ which permits email communications to be obtained without a warrant after 180 days. And, it ensures that a document stored in the cloud receives the same protections that it would if it were stored under user control.

“On behalf of TechNet, I thank the House Judiciary Committee for approving this legislation. We urge the full House and Senate to pass ECPA reform legislation as soon as possible.”

TechNet has been working with a broad coalition of companies, organizations, and individuals to urge Congress to reform the *Electronic Communications Privacy Act*. Previously, this coalition [wrote](#) to Senate and House leadership and urged them to pass ECPA reform legislation.

About TechNet

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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