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NDAAs Passes Senate with Modernizing Government Technology Act Included

Washington, D.C. — TechNet, the national, bipartisan network of innovation economy CEOs and senior executives, welcomed tonight's Senate passage of the *Modernizing Government Technology Act* as part of the *National Defense Authorization Act* (NDAA). The revised legislation was included in the NDAA as Amendment #1006 by Senator Jerry Moran (R-KS).

The MGT Act authorizes funding to improve, retire, or replace current federal government technology systems, accelerate the transition to cloud computing platforms, and procure IT products and services to strengthen the federal government's cybersecurity defenses. The U.S. House of Representatives unanimously passed its version of the MGT Act in May. Senators Moran and Tom Udall (D-NM) have led the efforts on the Senate version of the bill. The House and Senate will now head to a conference committee to reconcile differences between each chamber's NDAA.

Following Senate action, TechNet President and CEO Linda Moore issued the following statement:

"The MGT Act will help put an end to the federal government spending 80 percent of its \$80 billion IT budget on maintaining aging, insecure, and expensive legacy systems. Relying on outdated IT systems is unacceptable in an era of relentless cyberattacks, and because it often undermines the federal government's ability to properly serve taxpayers, veterans, and other citizens seeking assistance.

"TechNet thanks Senators Moran and Udall for their commitment to modernizing our outdated IT systems, as well as Congressman Will Hurd for his work on this issue. We urge House and Senate conferees to keep this language in the final NDAA so we can begin to usher in a new era of better government services through secure, efficient, and cost-effective government technology."

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