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## **TechNet Applauds Defeat of Discriminatory Texas 'Bathroom Bills'**

*Austin, TX* — TechNet, the national, bipartisan network of innovation economy CEOs and senior executives, today applauded the defeat of 'bathroom bills' that would have discriminated against members of the LGBT community in Texas. The bills were being considered during a 30-day special legislative session that ended Tuesday.

**"The defeat of the discriminatory 'bathroom bills' marks a significant milestone in the effort to keep Texas open for business to all, including members of the LGBT community,"** said Caroline Joiner, TechNet's Executive Director for Texas and the Southeast. **"A coalition of business and community leaders joined with members of the legislature to block harmful and discriminatory legislation because we knew it would negatively impact our ability to attract, recruit, and retain top talent, and drive economic growth here in Texas.**

**"On behalf of TechNet, I thank our legislative champions. We will continue to be vigilant against any efforts to undermine the technology community's commitment to diversity and inclusion."**

### **About TechNet**

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