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Statement of TechNet on Proposed Federal Legislation to Preempt State Laws that Could Increase Vulnerability of Smartphones and Other Devices

Washington—TechNet, the bipartisan policy and political network of innovation economy CEOs and senior executives, today welcomed legislation introduced by Representatives Ted Lieu (D-CA), Blake Farenthold (R-TX), Suzan DelBene (D-WA), and Mike Bishop (R-MI) that would preempt state legislation that could increase vulnerabilities in smart phones and other devices.

“TechNet thanks Representatives Lieu, Farenthold, DelBene, and Bishop for engaging on an important debate over encryption,” said Linda Moore, president and CEO of TechNet. **“Our nation faces very serious security and law enforcement challenges, but the solution to these challenges is not a patchwork of state laws that could create serious vulnerabilities in smartphones and other devices. TechNet stands ready to work with Representatives Lieu, Farenthold, DelBene, and Bishop and other policymakers to find meaningful and lasting solutions that protect our safety and security, but do not create vulnerabilities in devices.”**

The *Ensuring National Constitutional Rights of Your Private Telecommunications Act* (the ENCRYPT Act) would essentially preempt state encryption laws to ensure that our smartphones and other devices are not vulnerable to cybersecurity risks.

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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