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Technology Leaders Fly into Nation's Capital for TechNet Day 2017

On 20th anniversary of TechNet's founding, CEOs and senior executives meet with policymakers to discuss ways to spur innovation and job creation across America

Washington, D.C. — On **Thursday, April 27**, more than **20** technology industry CEOs and senior executives will fly into Washington, D.C., for a day of high-level meetings to discuss ways to spur innovation and job creation across America.

"For 20 years, TechNet has engaged with our leaders in Washington and at every level of government to create an environment where innovation and entrepreneurship are supported," said Linda Moore, president and CEO of TechNet. "Now, at this critical juncture, we must work together to ensure our nation remains the global technology leader and, more important, creates more jobs for more Americans."

As part of **TechNet Day 2017**, the technology leaders will advocate for an innovation agenda that ensures that computer science is taught in every classroom in America, encourages startups and entrepreneurship, calls for meaningful tax reform, and supports high-skilled immigration reform.

They will travel to the White House to meet with senior Administration officials and to Capitol Hill for meetings with House Republicans, House Democrats, Senate Republicans, and Senate Democrats, as well as a bipartisan group of congressional "Rising Stars." The day will be capped off with a reception.

The U.S. technology industry employs <u>6.9 million</u> workers, and there were more than 600,000 tech occupation job openings listed at the end of 2016. Additionally, new <u>research</u> shows that startups are driving job creation not just in the traditional coastal tech hubs, but across the country in cities like Austin, Provo, Nashville, New Orleans, and Detroit.

TechNet Day is the annual meeting hosted by TechNet, the national, bipartisan network of technology CEOs and senior executives. TechNet promotes the growth of the innovation economy by advocating a targeted policy agenda at the federal and 50-state levels. TechNet's diverse membership includes dynamic startups to the most iconic companies on the planet and represents more than 2.5 million



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