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## **TechNet Voices Concerns About Burr-Feinstein Draft Encryption Legislation**

*Washington*—TechNet, the national, bipartisan network of innovation economy CEOs and senior executives, today expressed concerns about draft legislation circulated by Senator Richard Burr (R-NC) and Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-VA) that could weaken encryption and technological standards designed to safeguard information contained on mobile devices.

**“This legislation could establish standards that force companies to eliminate security features that may be exploited by others who do not share law enforcement’s good intentions,”** said Linda Moore, president and CEO of TechNet. **“The results are that common transactions will become easy prey for bad actors and that customers around the world could lose faith in the trustworthiness of American products and choose alternatives that don’t have the same vulnerabilities.”**

On March 1, TechNet [wrote](#) to the Chairman and Ranking Member of the House Judiciary Committee in advance of their hearing on encryption to express its opposition to efforts to weaken security on iPhones and other devices, and to urge a national dialogue on these issues. TechNet also filed an [amicus brief](#) on March 3 in support of Apple in its case opposing a federal magistrate’s ruling to force the company to develop unique software to weaken security features on its devices.

### **About TechNet**

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