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TechNet Urges Congress to Pass New Legislation Updating International Privacy Laws

Washington, D.C. – TechNet, the national, bipartisan network of innovation economy CEOs and senior executives, welcomes the introduction of the International Communications Privacy Act (ICPA), a bill sponsored by Senators Orrin Hatch (R-UT) and Chris Coons (D-DE) that would clarify U.S. law enforcement agencies' ability to obtain electronic communications around the world.

“Transformative innovations have allowed U.S. tech companies to grow abroad and sell to more customers in the global marketplace, but our online privacy laws have failed to keep up with modern electronic communications in the digital age,” said TechNet President and CEO Linda Moore. **“Congress should pass the International Communications Privacy Act to provide law enforcement, U.S. companies, and consumers with much needed clarity about the appropriate way to access data held abroad, while setting standards for foreign governments seeking access to information held by U.S. technology companies.**

“Passing both ICPA and the Electronic Communications Privacy Act into law are critical steps we need to safeguard our citizens' privacy rights, ensure law enforcement has the tools they need to protect us, and boost confidence in the technologies that are improving the ways we communicate with each other,” Moore added.

TechNet is part of a broad coalition of civil society organizations, companies, and trade associations supporting the *International Communications Privacy Act (ICPA)*, as well as reform of the [Electronic Communications Privacy Act \(ECPA\)](#). As part of these efforts, TechNet has signed an [industry coalition letter](#) in support of ICPA.

Earlier this year, [TechNet Executive Council member Brad Smith](#), who serves as president and chief legal officer at Microsoft, testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee regarding law enforcement access to data stored across borders.

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