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TechNet Responds to Immigration Executive Orders

Washington, D.C. — TechNet, the national, bipartisan network of innovation economy CEOs and senior executives, today issued the following statement in response the series of immigration-related executive orders released by the new Administration. The statement can be attributed to Linda Moore, president and CEO of TechNet.

"Over the past few days, the new Administration has put in place executive orders that single out individuals based on their country of origin, without regard to their background and work history. We recognize and support efforts to fight terrorism. However, we believe these measures create considerable uncertainty in our nation's immigration system and will adversely impact technology workers who live and work in our nation. Furthermore, TechNet opposes all discrimination, including on the basis of race, religion, and country of origin."

"Over the past decade, a consensus has emerged that our nation's immigration system is in serious need of reform. That is why TechNet is a strong advocate for changes to our immigration system that will ensure the best, brightest, and most ambitious individuals from around the world can work in the U.S., helping to advance American innovation, job creation, and economic growth. Immigrants or the children of immigrants have started more than 40 percent of Fortune 500 companies. These companies employ more than 10 million people."

"Instead of the approach taken by the Administration, we stand ready to work with Congress and the Administration on immigration reform legislation that supports the needs of our economy and the values of our nation."

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 two 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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