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## **TechNet Applauds Representatives Kevin Yoder and Jared Polis for Reintroducing the *Email Privacy Act***

*Washington*—TechNet, the national, bipartisan network of innovation economy CEOs and senior executives, today applauded Representatives Kevin Yoder (R-KS) and Jared Polis (D-CO) for reintroducing the *Email Privacy Act*, a critical legislative update to the *Electronic Communications Privacy Act* (ECPA).

**“TechNet applauds Representatives Kevin Yoder and Jared Polis for reintroducing legislation that would make critical updates to our nation’s outdated electronic communications privacy laws,”** said Linda Moore, president and CEO of TechNet. **“These laws have not been updated since 1986 – a time when the modern Internet and the cloud did not exist.”**

**“The proposed legislation makes clear that the warrant standard of the U.S. Constitution applies to private digital information just as it applies to physical property. It also ends ECPA’s arbitrary ‘180-day rule,’ which permits email communications to be obtained without a warrant after 180 days. Additionally, it makes a key clarification that ensures a document stored in the cloud receives the same protections that it would if it were stored under user control.”**

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