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### **JOINT STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR THE LEADS ACT**

We support the bipartisan introduction of the LEADS Act.

We commend your leadership in improving privacy protections and cross-border data flows by seeking to clarify and modernize the legal framework regarding government access to data stored in digital format.

In an era of accelerated innovation driven by technology advancements, the LEADS Act attempts to strike the right balance between strong privacy protection and public safety. It is intended to ensure that law enforcement has the tools needed to execute search warrants where necessary, in a manner that respects privacy and the rule of law. We believe this model has the potential to advance global data flows while protecting the privacy of our data when requested by foreign governments.

The goal of the LEADS Act in updating existing privacy law is consistent with those of the ongoing ECPA reform efforts, which many of our organizations also support.

We thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

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