**JOINT STATEMENT SUPPORTING THE INTRODUCTION OF THE
LEADS ACT IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

We are writing to express our appreciation of Representatives Tom Marino and Suzan DelBene for introducing the LEADS Act, a bill that solves a critical problem facing US companies by clarifying and modernizing the laws controlling government access to data stored in digital format.

In an era of accelerated technological innovation, 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 ongoing ECPA reform efforts, which many of our organizations also support.

We thank Representatives Marino and DelBene for this critical first step and we look forward to continuing to work with them, Chairman Goodlatte, Ranking Member Conyers and all members of the House Judiciary Committee as the bill moves forward.

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