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RE: Request to Testify at Public Hearing, Request for Comments on Promoting Supply Chain Resilience (Docket No. USTR-2024-0002; 89 FR 16608)

On behalf of ACT | The App Association, I request to appear at the hearing for Docket No. USTR-2024-0002, Request for Comments on Promoting Supply Chain Resilience.

Person testifying: Brian Scarpelli Title: Senior Global Policy Counsel

A summary of my testimony is as follows:

The App Association represents the interests of small businesses that create technology used across consumer and enterprise use cases and supply chains. Today, the ecosystem the App Association represents is an economy worth approximately \$1.8 trillion and is responsible for 6.1 million American jobs. App Association members create innovative software and hardware technology solutions that power the internet of things (IoT) across modalities and segments of the economy and are part of and rely on U.S. supply chain resilience.

The App Association supports U.S. government efforts to strengthen domestic manufacturing and to secure trusted supply chains through strategic arrangements with trusted and regional partners. My testimony would include insights on the roles and impacts App Association members have on U.S. manufacturing as well as global supply chains, and how App Association members' innovations support reliable and secure supply chains. My testimony would also address the App Association's recommended trade policies that will strengthen U.S. manufacturing and to secure trusted supply chains.

Sincerely,

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