



April 28, 2017

The Honorable Jerry Moran
United States Senate
521 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington DC 20510

The Honorable Tom Udall
United States Senate
531 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington DC 20510

Re: The Modernizing Government Technology Act of 2017 (MGT Act)

Dear Senators Moran and Udall:

On behalf of the member companies of the Information Technology Alliance for Public Sector (ITAPS),¹ I am writing to express our strong support for the Modernizing Government Technology (MGT) Act of 2017. We appreciate all the time, effort, and commitment you have dedicated to reforming how the federal government funds and invests in information technology (IT). This bipartisan, bicameral legislation would enable new means to fund IT solutions, including for IT modernization efforts, and provide funding availability to permit government IT to better keep pace with innovation. We commend your staffs for collaborating and working with ITAPS and our members.

The time is ripe to transform the way the federal government acquires IT, and this bipartisan legislation is a substantial step toward that transformation. The federal government today spends about \$60 billion dollars annually sustaining their existing IT and their funding streams allow them to either continue to sustain those systems or modernize, but they do not have the funding to do both at the same time. The MGT Act creates the necessary new options for agencies to be able to sustain what is necessary for their mission, while investing in modernizing and transforming IT capabilities in the federal government for the digital era.

Again, thank you for the engagement you and your staff afforded ITAPS and our members. We look forward to continuing to work with you further as the bill advances through the legislative process. Should you have any questions, please contact Pamela Walker at pwalker@itic.org or (202) 626-5725.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A.R. Hodgkins".

A.R. "Trey" Hodgkins, III, CAE
Senior Vice President, Public Sector

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