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Sen. Mitch McConnell, Senate Majority Leader
Sen. Harry Reed, Senate Minority Leader

Sen. Ron Johnson, Chairman, Senate Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs Committee
Sen. Tom Carper, Ranking Member, Senate Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs Committee

Sen. Jerry Moran
Sen. Tom Udall

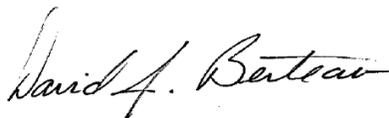
Dear Senators:

There is an important opportunity but a very limited window of time for this session of Congress to act on vital legislation to improve cybersecurity and address concerns with the government's legacy IT systems. This past September the House unanimously passed a bipartisan, comprehensive bill, H.R. 6004, the "Modernizing Government Technology Act of 2016". That bill provides centralized management of and sources of future funding for upgrading legacy IT systems. It also gives agencies authorities and funding to prioritize and obtain individual agency IT system enhancements. The House-passed bill reflects a balanced compromise of the interests of the agencies, OMB, and stakeholders in Congress. Perhaps most importantly, this bill will address many cybersecurity vulnerabilities inherent in the government's outdated computer systems.

When the Senate reconvenes later this month, we urge you to act promptly on a bill that can be signed into law. Congress and the Executive Branch should use this narrow window of opportunity to pass this important legislation and kick-start the modernizing and upgrading of federal information technology as well as enabling the adoption of new technologies to help make government more effective.

The Professional Services Council (PSC) offers its strong support for passing this bill in the 114th Congress. Please call on us if PSC can provide any additional information or assistance.

Sincerely,



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