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The Honorable Will Hurd
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Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Chairman Hurd:

Re: The Modernizing Government Technology Act of 2017

On behalf of the CEO members of Business Roundtable, an association comprised of chief executive officers of leading U.S. companies representing all sectors of the economy, I am writing to express our support for H.R. 2227, the Modernizing Government Technology Act of 2017 (MGT Act).

We believe that the MGT Act promotes sound policies that advance public and private sector priorities. By investing in innovative technologies and strengthening federal cybersecurity, the federal government can ensure its delivery of enhanced essential services.

Business Roundtable supports several areas of the MGT Act:

- **Business Roundtable supports strengthening federal cybersecurity through IT modernization:** We support the MGT Act's focus on procuring modern, cost-effective technologies by making flexible funding streams available to federal departments and agencies. We believe that public and private sectors share common interests reflected in the proposed bill. We support the focus on IT modernization to ensure the secure and effective delivery of essential citizen services.
- **Business Roundtable supports the MGT Act's emphasis on new technologies:** Business Roundtable supports the proposed bill's prioritization of modern technologies. These innovative solutions are designed with cybersecurity in mind, making them cost-effective and more secure compared to outdated technology. The proposed IT policy reform demonstrates that Congress embraces innovation as a vital part of federal cybersecurity and the delivery of critical services.

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- **Business Roundtable appreciates that the MGT Act aligns with the Administration's priorities to modernize federal IT:** We appreciate that the MGT Act aligns closely with recent Presidential actions to prioritize IT modernization across the federal government. We also appreciate the bipartisan support for the bill in Congress. This alignment signals a unified effort to raise the level of cybersecurity across the federal government.

In sum, we believe that federal IT modernization policy demonstrates the government's commitment to improve national cybersecurity. In addition, the bipartisan support for the bill sends a strong message that innovation is a high priority across the government.

Business Roundtable appreciates your leadership on this important issue and encourages the U.S. House of Representatives to pass the MGT Act.

Sincerely,



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