



October 21, 2019

The Honorable Gerald E. Connolly (D-VA)
Chairman, Subcommittee on Government Operations
Committee on Oversight and Reform
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mark Meadows (R-NC), Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Connolly and Ranking Member Meadows:

I am writing today in support of H.R. 3941, the FedRAMP Authorization Act of 2019. We appreciate your work to advance this important legislation. FedRAMP, since its inception in 2011, has served as a critical gateway to the federal government's adoption and implementation of secure cloud technologies leading more agencies down the path of IT modernization.

We applaud provisions in the bill that would establish the program in statute, increase the reciprocity of FedRAMP provisional authorizations and authorize \$25 million in annual funding. These provisions will protect the integrity of the program, while helping to streamline operations and increase overall use by federal agencies. Furthermore, as the leading third-party assessment organization, we applaud the legislation's recognition of the critical role that independent assessors play in the success of FedRAMP.

As an early participant in the program, Coalfire has assisted nearly 100 companies in achieving compliance with FedRAMP requirements. Independent assessors, as you know, are an integral part of the FedRAMP process helping CSPs prepare authorization packages, independently testing security controls, and providing guidance and related services to CSPs. Our work not only eases the compliance burden on the CSPs but also extends the bandwidth of the FedRAMP PMO, helping make the process as efficient and effective as possible. We are pleased that under your proposed legislation, we will continue to play an important role in ensuring secure cloud adoption by federal agencies.

Thank you again for your support of the FedRAMP program and we look forward to working with you as the legislation moves forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom McAndrew". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tom McAndrew, President
Coalfire