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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:

As a leading provider of cloud security to the federal government and the first FedRAMP approved TIC 3.0-in-the-Cloud solution, we are writing today in support of HR 3941, the FedRAMP Authorization Act of 2019. We appreciate your introduction of this important legislation.

As the Federal government pushes forward with IT modernization and deploys cloud services, the FedRAMP program is critical in that it provides a standardized approach to security assessment, authorization, and continuous monitoring for cloud solutions – requiring cloud providers to meet strict security provisions to gain certification. Furthermore, to increase flexibility to use modern security capabilities, the recently updated Trusted Internet Connection (TIC) 3.0 policy is critical in helping agencies recognize the need to deploy solutions to remove barriers to cloud adoption.

The proposed legislation, which codifies the FedRAMP program in statute, goes a long way toward ensuring that the federal government has the tools and flexibilities it needs to take full advantage of cloud computing and cloud-based security. We applaud you for including those provisions, as well as provisions which encourage re-use of FedRAMP JAB P-ATOs across multiple agencies which will help speed time to deployment. Further, we believe the proposed authorization of \$25 million annually to support the FedRAMP PMO, will provide this historically under-funded program with a much-needed infusion of resources. Lastly, we appreciate the recognition that the dialogue between industry and government must improve and believe the Federal Secure Cloud Advisory Committee will help in the regard.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephen Kovac', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Stephen Kovac
Vice President, Global Government