
July 11, 2023

The Honorable James Comer

Chairman
U.S. House Committee on Oversight
and Accountability
2157 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Jamie Raskin

Ranking Member
U.S. House Committee on Oversight
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Dear Chairman Comer, Ranking Member Raskin and Members of HCOA:

In advance of your Business Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 12th at 10:00am, we write to express our support for H.R. 1695, Strengthening Agency Management and Oversight of the Software Assets Act, as introduced and as amended by the Chairman's ANS. This critical legislation authorizes the Administration to take the steps necessary to know what enterprise software exists across departments and agencies, and use that information to make smarter, more informed choices when procuring software. The legislation - which we have supported since its initial introduction in the 117th Congress - not only addresses numerous GAO recommendations but also would save, conservatively, \$750,000,000 each year.

The bill - both introduced and amended by the Chairman's ANS - represents the input of a wide-range of interested constituencies. Working in a bicameral and bipartisan manner, the Committee has engaged in an open process and sought the input of a range of associations, companies, former government employees, and current government stakeholders. The result is text that we believe will: (1) provide the Executive Branch with the authority and direction needed to understand the scope and limits of the software it is buying, (2) use that information to make more informed buying decisions in the future, and (3) ensure more efficient use of taxpayer dollars by protecting itself from predatory software licensing practices. We also note that as amended by the Chairman's ANS,, the legislation is substantively the same as the companion legislation (S. 931) unanimously passed by the Senate Homeland Security & Government Affairs Committee earlier this year, which we also supported.



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We thank you for taking up this legislation. As part of our support, we wanted to include previous letters of support, including those sent on March 23, 2023 (at introduction) and May 16, 2023 (at the consideration of the Senate Homeland Security & Government Affairs Committee). We look forward to supporting it as it moves out of committee and to the floor of the House.

Sincerely,

Coalition for Fair Software Licensing

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Alliance for Digital Innovation

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