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Deborah Collier is the technology and telecommunications policy director for Citizens Against Government Waste (CAGW). She specializes in information technology (IT) and telecommunications policy including cloud computing, IT procurement, information security, data privacy, broadband spectrum allocations, net neutrality, cable industry issues, e-commerce, and emerging technologies.

Since joining CAGW in July 2011, Ms. Collier has authored numerous educational issue briefs; articles and blogs on technology and telecommunications policy, including three reports relating to cloud computing; a report on the development of government mobile apps; a report on trade agreements which was co-written by several CAGW staff members; and an issue brief on c-band spectrum and the race to 5G co-written with CAGW President Tom Schatz. In 2014, Ms. Collier joined with Mr. Schatz in co-authoring the book, “Telecom Unplugged: Ushering in a New Digital Era.” In November 2014, CAGW released a book she co-authored with Mr. Schatz entitled “Intellectual Property: Making It Personal.” She has been a guest on radio and television news programs to discuss internet taxes, net neutrality, IT procurement reform, and other technology-related issues.



Prior to her work at CAGW, Ms. Collier spent 24 years on Capitol Hill working in IT and legislative arenas. She worked for Rep. Clarence Miller (R-Ohio) both as a caseworker and system administrator and managed the Congressman’s immigration and refugee affairs portfolio. In 1993, she joined the staff of Rep. Steve Buyer (R-Ind.) as the director of information technology. From 2005 to 2010, she served on the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs as the Republican Legislative Director. Ms. Collier was a member of the House Systems Administrators Association from 1989 until 2005, and served as the organization’s president from 2002 to 2005.

Ms. Collier holds a Bachelor of Arts (AB) degree in History from Ohio University.