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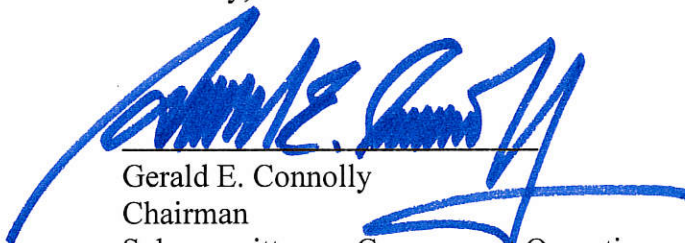
Dear Mr. Wilmer:

Enclosed are post-hearing questions that have been directed to you and submitted to the official record for the hearing that was held on Wednesday, July 17, 2019, titled, "To The Cloud! The Cloudy Role of FedRAMP in IT Modernization."

In order to ensure a complete hearing record, please return your written response to the Committee on or before Tuesday, August 13, 2019, including each question in full as well as the name of the Member. Your response should be addressed to the Committee office at 2157 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515. Please also send an electronic version of your response by email to Amy Stratton, Clerk, at Amy.Stratton@mail.house.gov.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request. If you need additional information or have other questions, please contact Elisa LaNier, Chief Clerk, at (202) 225-5051.

Sincerely,



Gerald E. Connolly
Chairman
Subcommittee on Government Operations

cc: The Honorable Mark Meadows, Ranking Member

**Questions for Mr. Jack W. Wilmer
Deputy Chief Information Officer for Cybersecurity
U.S. Department of Defense**

Questions from Chairman Gerald E. Connolly

July 17, 2019, Hearing: "To The Cloud! The Cloudy Role of FedRAMP in IT Modernization"

1. If the Joint Authorization Board (JAB) were appropriated more funding, would it be able to assess and authorize more cloud products each year? How many more cloud services could be authorized if the JAB was funded \$5 million more across all three JAB agencies? \$10 million more?
2. What is the gap between the number of cloud service products that the JAB assesses every year and the number of cloud services seeking Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program (FedRAMP) provisional authorization through the JAB?
3. If the JAB focuses on authorizing only products in high-demand by agencies, does that leave behind small businesses or start-ups that are hoping to sell cloud services in the federal government? How does the JAB ensure new and innovative offerings are reviewed?
4. How is the JAB considering ways to tailor its authorization levels for the safeguarding of national security data or classified data?
5. How has the Department of Defense (DOD) changed its policies to encourage the acceptance and reuse of all FedRAMP authorized products?
6. Has the DOD ever sponsored a cloud service provider through the "agency route" for a FedRAMP authorization?
 - a. If yes, what challenges did your agency face in the process?
 - b. If no, how could FedRAMP incentivize your agency to sponsor cloud products through the authorization process?

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Questions from Ranking Member Mark Meadows

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1. Could you please explain three obstacles that delay a FedRAMP authorization?
2. Given how DOJ and HHS both operate in the national security and non-national security environments, how does this unique environment present challenges and opportunities in a FedRAMP context?