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Mr. Gordon Bitko
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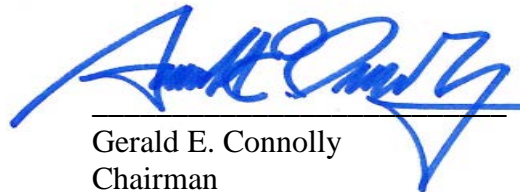700 K Street, N.W.
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Dear Mr. Bitko:

Enclosed are post-hearing questions that have been directed to you and submitted to the official record for the hearing that was held on Monday, July 20, 2020, titled "Federal IT Modernization: How the Coronavirus Exposed Outdated Systems."

In order to ensure a complete hearing record, please return your written response to the Committee on or before Friday, August 14, 2020, 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, Deputy 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
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Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Jody B. Hice, Ranking Member

Questions for Mr. Bitko
Senior Vice President of Policy, Information Technology Industry Council
Questions from Chairman Gerald E. Connolly

July 20, 2020, Hearing: "Federal IT Modernization: How the Coronavirus Exposed Outdated Systems"

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1.   Based on your experience as the former Chief Information Officer (CIO) for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), how important is it for agencies to have documented modernization plans for legacy systems?

2.   What makes an IT modernization plan effective and ultimately successful?

3.   What specific advantages associated with cloud technologies did you see during your time at the FBI, in terms of both cost savings and mission fulfillment?

4.   Do agencies risk losing talented IT employees when they rely on legacy systems that impede effective service delivery?

5.   How should Congress structure funding to best help government at the federal, state, and local levels modernize their IT to enable them to provide federal assistance most securely?

6.   The National Cyber Director Act would create a cyber czar position in the White House. How should Congress design and structure the cyber czar's role so that he or she can effectively collaborate with the federal CIO as well as individual agency CIOs on cybersecurity issues and not have his or her responsibilities become siloed from the rest of the federal technology community?

7.   You testified that security practices and federal laws surrounding them need to be modernized, specifically citing the Federal Information Security Modernization Act (FISMA). What specific aspects of FISMA do you find are in need of updating, and what are your recommendations for doing so?