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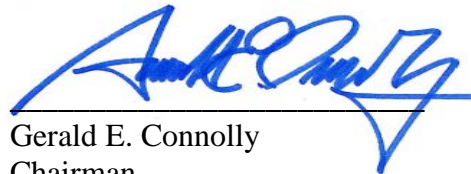
Dear Mr. Cornelius:

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for the hearing that was held on Monday, July 20, 2020, titled "Federal IT Modernization: How the Coronavirus Exposed Outdated Systems."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
Subcommittee on Government Operations

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Jody B. Hice, Ranking Member

Questions for Mr. Cornelius
Executive Director, Alliance for Digital Innovation
Questions from Chairman Gerald E. Connolly

July 20, 2020, Hearing: “Federal IT Modernization: How the Coronavirus Exposed Outdated Systems”

1. Based on your work at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), please describe how federal Chief Information Officers (CIOs) can leverage Administration efforts to modernize federal IT, like the President’s Management Agenda?
2. In general, what weaknesses in agencies’ legacy systems does transitioning to the cloud help resolve?
3. What best practices can agencies use in terms of hiring and retention for mission critical IT positions?
4. How should Congress structure funding to best help governments at the federal, state, and local levels modernize their IT systems to enable them to provide federal assistance most securely?
5. Given your extensive work in implementing the Modernizing Government Technology Act, could you speak to why some agencies have not set up working capital funds?
6. What do you think the right level of funding is for the Technology Modernization Fund (TMF), and why? What other obstacles might be hindering agencies’ ability to use the TMF?
7. If the federal government appoints a cyber czar in the White House, how can Congress structure his or her responsibilities to promote appropriate levels of coordination with the federal CIO and Chief Technology Officer to ensure effective cybersecurity coordination across the government?
8. What specific aspects of the Federal Information Security Modernization Act do you find are in need of updating, and what are your recommendations for doing so?
9. In 2016, OMB issued a government wide directive for all 24 Chief Financial Officers (CFO) Act agencies to implement a comprehensive enterprise risk management program. While progress has been made, will codifying this requirement in statute ensure that future IT is managed to minimize risk and maximize benefits?