

September 16, 2015

The Honorable Fred Upton  
Chairman  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Committee on Energy and Commerce  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Frank Pallone  
Ranking Member  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Committee on Energy and Commerce  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Upton and Ranking Member Pallone:

On behalf of the Information Technology Industry Council (ITI), and the innovative technology companies ITI represents, I write to offer our strong support for the North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act of 2015, and in particular Sections 4111 and 4112. Taken together, these sections will greatly improve data center efficiency across the federal government and create new efficiencies through better use of information and communications technology (ICT). In doing so, the federal government will use less energy and electricity, creating significant cost savings for American taxpayers.

Sections 4111 and 4112 largely mirror H.R. 1268, the bipartisan “Energy Efficient Government Technology Act,” introduced by Representatives Anna Eshoo and Adam Kinzinger. As Congress continues to look for opportunities to make government more effective and function more efficiently, this legislation can serve as an example of the kind of solutions that will achieve that goal without requiring even a single dollar in additional spending. If enacted, these sections will increase federal government use of energy-efficient and energy-saving technologies such as advanced metering infrastructures, asset and infrastructure utilization solutions, advanced power management tools, travel substitution tools, and fleet and logistics management tools. It would also further build on the partnership that already exists between the technology industry and the federal government in advancing energy efficient data center strategies.

The federal government is one of the biggest operators of data centers and is also the single largest energy user in the United States. Replacing and consolidating larger, energy-hogging data centers with smaller, next-generation facilities would save the government money, cut energy consumption, reduce carbon emissions, and provide early support for emerging technologies.

For these reasons, we strongly urge you and your colleagues to support the North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act of 2015.

Sincerely,



Vice President, Government Affairs  
Information Technology Industry Council

CC: Representative Adam Kinzinger  
Representative Anna Eshoo