

December 21, 2017

The Honorable Thad Cochran
Chairman
Room S-128, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Vice Chairman
Room S-128, The Capitol
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The Honorable Rodney Frelinghuysen
Chairman
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Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Nita Lowey
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairmen Cochran and Frelinghuysen, Vice Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Lowey:

As strong advocates for prioritizing investments in the federal government's outdated IT infrastructure, PSC respectfully urges you to fully fund the Modernizing Government Technology Act (MGT Act) in the omnibus legislation being drafted to cover the remainder of fiscal year 2018.

The MGT Act, included in the National Defense Authorization Act (Public Law 115-91), establishes a technology modernization fund that will facilitate critical upgrades to the government's information technology infrastructure to increase efficiency, limit vulnerabilities, and bolster security. The legislation was passed with bipartisan support in the House and Senate, and the Administration supports the bill. Additionally, the President's budget request included funding for an IT modernization fund envisioned by the MGT Act.

While enactment of the MGT Act was a critical first step toward providing federal agencies with a dedicated funding stream to harness new and innovative information technologies that improve efficiency and performance, funding is critical now for fiscal year 2018 to achieve the intended benefits. The law authorized \$250 million each for fiscal years 2018 and 2019, and we respectfully request that you include this full amount in the FY18 appropriations.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request. As always, PSC is available at your convenience to respond to any questions your Committees may have.

Respectfully,



Alan Chvotkin
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