

January 15, 2020

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Democratic Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Leaders McConnell and Schumer:

On behalf of the members of the Information Technology Industry Council (ITI), I write to express our strong support for H.R. 5430, the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement Implementation Act. Given the importance of this agreement to the technology sector, we will consider scoring votes in support of final passage in our 116th Congressional Voting Guide.

The U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) represents a landmark improvement in our relationships with two of our most important trading partners from the perspective of the tech sector, and a key step forward for U.S. leadership in innovation and digital trade. Notably, the USMCA contains first-of-its-kind, cutting-edge digital trade provisions that recognize the reality of the 21st century economy and would boost the U.S. economy and its competitiveness around the world.

American companies of all sizes and across all industries leverage technology and can expect to benefit from the USMCA's digital trade and other tech-focused provisions. These provisions will promote the seamless flow of data across borders, allow companies to store data where it makes the most sense from the perspective of their business and customers, prevent costly tariffs and taxes on technology products and services, safeguard source code and algorithms by prohibiting requirements that companies divulge them as a condition of doing business, promote acceptance of U.S.-developed international standards, and create consistency in testing and certification procedures for tech goods.

We applaud the work and leadership that has gone into securing the opportunity to move forward with ratification of the USMCA, and urge you and your colleagues to support the implementing legislation for the agreement when it comes to the Senate floor.

Sincerely,



Jason D. Oxman
President and CEO

cc: United States Senators