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Thank you for providing CompTIA the opportunity to lend our support to the *Networking and Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD) Modernization Act of 2016 (H.R. 5312)*.

As stated on the NITRD website, “the multiagency NITRD Program seeks to provide the research and development (R&D) foundations for assuring continued U.S. technological leadership and meeting the needs of the Federal Government for advanced information technologies.” CompTIA strongly supports the Act as it assures that NITRD continues to receive the funding necessary to help drive innovation through the scientific community. CompTIA also supports the development of a national coordination office to ensure improved communication within the NITRD ecosystem. Finally, CompTIA supports the focus on Grand Challenges that correlates with the NITRD portfolio.

Best Regards,

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