

July 23, 2019

The Honorable Roger Wicker
Chairman
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
Ranking Member
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Chairman Wicker and Ranking Member Cantwell,

We write to express our support for the nomination of Michael Kratsios as Chief Technology Officer (CTO) of the United States.

Over the last two years, Mr. Kratsios has led the development of key Trump administration policies to ensure American leadership in the industries of the future. He has demonstrated a deep understanding of technology policies that will unleash American innovation and competitiveness, and he has sound judgment for collaborative, bipartisan work.

Once confirmed, we believe Mr. Kratsios will continue driving critical technology priorities that advance U.S. technology leadership, support the American workforce and ensure prosperity and security for all Americans.

At this critical time for emerging technologies, Michael is an outstanding choice for this role of U.S. CTO and Associate Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Sincerely,

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