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Association for Computing Machinery
U.S. Technology Policy Committee
1601 Broadway
New York, NY 10018

The Honorable Senator Kyrsten Sinema
317 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Sinema,

The Association for Computing Machinery's U.S. Technology Policy Committee (USTPC) applauds your efforts to improve digital identity services. We encourage Congress to continue working to realize the fruition of these efforts and prioritize this critical technology in the next session. We commend the House's longstanding, bipartisan efforts to address digital identity and encourage federal agencies to continue piloting solutions. As the Senate starts a new session, we want to highlight the critical need to continue efforts to secure Americans' digital identities.

Improving digital identity services and strengthening the cybersecurity of digital identity verification holds the potential to:
- Decrease identity theft and fraud, especially benefit fraud;
- Reduce cybercrime, especially the threat of ransomware; and
- Increase trust and reliability in electronic commerce transactions.

As the new administration and Congress form their priorities, it is critical to study and make recommendations on digital identity infrastructure, which would help advance digital identity services to benefit all Americans. USTPC has technical and policy expertise in cybersecurity, privacy, and digital infrastructure. We welcome speaking with you or your staff about these issues and would appreciate your advice on how to pursue these issues in the next Congress.

Sincerely,

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Chair of the USTPC

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