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The Honorable William Barr
Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
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Dear Attorney General Barr,

We appreciate your opening discussions with the European Union (EU) regarding law enforcement access to data across borders, and we encourage you to pursue a comprehensive agreement. We believe such discussions would advance implementation of the Clarifying Lawful Overseas Use of Data (CLOUD) Act and provide much-needed certainty for U.S. businesses operating in Europe.

Passage of the 2018 CLOUD Act was a critical first step in modernizing the U.S. approach to challenges related to law enforcement access to digital evidence. We now have a golden opportunity to realize the potential of this powerful legislation, given the European Council's adoption of a negotiating mandate authorizing the European Commission to begin talks with the United States. We urge you to explore this opportunity.

An EU-wide agreement with the U.S. may resolve potential conflicts of law that threaten U.S. businesses in key markets and improve collaboration between U.S. law enforcement and counterparts across Europe. Moreover, an agreement could define processes requiring commitments to the rule of law, including due process, privacy, civil liberties, and human rights protections, that would support the protection of values important on both sides of the Atlantic.

We appreciate the discussions that you have initiated with the European Commission to support the U.S. business community and consumers through U.S.-EU negotiations. We look forward to working with you on these important issues and to serve as a resource.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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BSA | The Software Alliance
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Computing Technology Industry Association (CompTIA)
Consumer Technology Association (CTA)
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Internet Association
National Association of Manufacturers (NAM)
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