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The Honorable Sam Kito
Chair, House Labor & Commerce committee
Alaska State Legislature
120 4th Street
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: Opposition to Alaska HB 230, Relating to the Collection of Personal Information by Telecommunications and Internet Service Providers

Dear Chair Kito and Members of the Committee:

The undersigned associations represent hundreds of the country's leading technology companies in high-tech manufacturing, computer networking, and information technology, clean energy, life sciences, Internet media, ecommerce, education, and sharing economy sectors. Our member companies are committed to advancing public policies and private sector initiatives that make the U.S. the most innovative country in the world.

Our associations oppose Alaska HB 230, relating to the collection of certain personal information. If this bill were to be enacted, consumers would be presented with frustrating requests for consent to use the Internet for routine purposes. Consumers benefit from being protected by a predictable, consistent regulatory framework that has a history of successfully governing how their online data is handled.

There is no gap in federal law that would permit ISPs to violate their customers' privacy. The FCC retains authority to enforce privacy violations, just as it did for the last several years under the Obama Administration. What is more, the Chairs of the Federal Communications Commission and the Federal Trade Commission have pledged to work together to adopt consistent federal policy on Internet privacy, which will create a consistent, national privacy framework that will protect consumers.

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No other state has passed a bill like HB 230. Alaska should not be the first to attempt to regulate an Interstate service. Creating new and different standards in Alaska could disrupt a significant portion of the state's innovation economy and have major unintended consequences for consumers and businesses as companies are forced to adjust their investment and technology deployment plans based on a singular set of rules for the state.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns. We would be happy to discuss the bills further at your convenience.

Respectfully,

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