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The Honorable Darrell Issa
Chairman, House Oversight and Reform Committee
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

And

The Honorable Elijah Cummings
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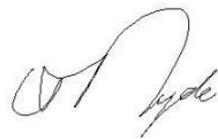
RE: The Digital Accountability and Transparency Act of 2013, H.R. 2061

Dear Chairman Issa and Ranking Member Cummings:

On behalf of the members of XBRL US, the nonprofit consortium for XBRL business reporting standards, I am writing in support of the Digital Accountability and Transparency (DATA) Act legislation which will mandate the use of data standards for federal spending. Data standards are a critical tool to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of communicating and analyzing the information needed to track and evaluate government programs by enabling comparability and compatibility.

eXtensible Business Reporting Language (XBRL) is a free and open standard, developed to specifically manage the reporting of financial and performance-related information for business and government data. Most importantly, it needs no further adaptation or development. XBRL is currently in use today for corporate financial statement reporting by every public company in the U.S., therefore there is already a market in place for XBRL creation, processing, and consumption tools that can easily be leveraged for government reporting in XBRL. Using XBRL to track, report, and evaluate the effectiveness of government programs will ensure that government agencies, the public and others have access to the most timely, accurate data produced in an efficient and cost-effective manner. XBRL is a low cost solution that can leverage existing market tools, infrastructure and expertise.

XBRL US applauds your leadership on this critical issue. We welcome the opportunity to discuss the effectiveness of XBRL initiatives in place in the U.S. and internationally should you require further information, and to assist in your efforts in any way. I can be reached at 917-582-6159, Campbell.pryde@xbri.us.



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