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Affirming the importance of the security and privacy of the people of the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. DAINES (for himself, Mr. SCHATZ, and Mr. COONS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Affirming the importance of the security and privacy of the people of the United States.

Whereas the highest priority of Congress should be ensuring the safety, security, and constitutional freedoms of the United States and the people of the United States;

Whereas technology has become a critical component of everyday life;

Whereas the people of the United States store the most sensitive personal information on digital devices and with cloud services;

Whereas criminals and terrorists have used digital communications to perpetrate unlawful conduct;

Whereas protecting the national security and safety of communities in the United States should not come at the cost

of diminished protections under the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States;

Whereas the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States is a cornerstone of freedom for the people of the United States;

Whereas the Supreme Court of the United States and Federal laws recognize certain privacy rights and interests in the digital information and communications of the people of the United States; and

Whereas preserving privacy and security is essential for the continued growth of the digital economy: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

2 (1) the United States should recognize the need
3 to protect the safety, security, and personal privacy
4 of all people of the United States;

5 (2) legal and policy changes that impact the se-
6 curity of the United States and the civil liberties of
7 the people of the United States should be made with
8 the consideration of Congress, the executive branch,
9 and the people of the United States; and

10 (3) in considering the changes described in
11 paragraph (2), the United States should recognize
12 the global and economic implications of the security
13 and privacy policies of the United States.

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