



February 3, 2023

The Honorable Joseph Nguyen
Chair, Environment, Energy & Technology Committee
Washington State Senate

The Honorable Elizabeth Lovelett
Vice Chair, Environment, Energy & Technology Committee
Washington State Senate

The Honorable Drew MacEwen
Ranking Member, Environment, Energy & Technology Committee
Washington State Senate

Re: Support of Senate Bill 5518 (Protection of critical state operational data from malicious activities)

Dear Chair Nguyen, Vice-Chair Lovelett, and Ranking Member MacEwen:

The Alliance for Digital Innovation (ADI) is a nonpartisan alliance of technology companies focused on accelerating change in the public sector through the adoption of commercial technology. Our members are some of the most prominent and innovative technology firms in the nation, including many that already proudly serve the State of Washington.

ADI supports Senate Bill 5518 and strongly encourages you to advance this legislation from your committee to the Senate floor.

State and local government networks and systems face increasingly sophisticated cybersecurity threats every day. In recent years, we have seen cyberattacks that have imperiled election systems, shut down entire school districts, and crippled law enforcement networks. Ransomware attacks in particular have increased greatly over the past few years, especially against local governments and school districts. State and local governments must have sufficient resources to protect against malicious activity and prepare for recovery from a cyberattack. This legislation is an important step to minimize the risk that state agencies will experience a disruption of critical government services.

Thank you for your attention to this effort to bolster the State of Washington's technological capacities and information security. Please consider us a resource as the committee deliberates on this important legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dan Wolf', is positioned above the printed name.

Dan Wolf
Director of State Programs
Alliance for Digital Innovation

cc: The Honorable Matthew Boehnke

The Honorable Derek Stanford
The Honorable Ronald Muzzall
The Honorable Philip Fortunato
The Honorable Noel Frame
The Honorable Patricia Kuderer
The Honorable Javier Valdez
The Honorable Judith Warnick
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