



**Statement by Fred Humphries, Vice President, U.S. Government Affairs, Microsoft Corporation, on Introduction of the USA Freedom Act of 2015**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. – April 28, 2015** – The introduction today of the USA Freedom Act is an important step forward to address continuing concerns about government surveillance. We believe it strikes the right balance between safeguarding personal privacy and public safety. The bill introduced today is an updated version of last year’s proposal.

We applaud Representatives Goodlatte, Sensenbrenner, Conyers and Nadler and Senators Lee, Leahy, Heller, Franken and other Members for their leadership on this important bipartisan and bicameral legislation. We urge Congress now to move with a sense of urgency on this and other key measures. Those include the LEADS Act, which would clarify international law regarding the access to data stored abroad, as well as reform of the Electronic Communications Privacy Act (ECPA), which was written long before the advent of the Internet.

As we have said earlier this year, we believe 2015 is the year for solutions. With the introduction of the USA Freedom Act, we believe these solutions are closer at hand.

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