



Cerf's Up

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To: House Committee on Science, Space and Technology
Subject: Proposed NIST Foundation

This letter is to endorse the proposed "Expanding Partnerships for Innovation and Competitiveness Act." For reference, I am Vice President and Chief Internet Evangelist for Google but I write in my personal capacity as an Internet pioneer and former Chair and present member of NIST's Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology (VCAT).

As you will know, NIST is our principal government agency for the development and support of metrology and standards, especially those used in science and commerce. One of the most important mechanisms for the implementation and adoption of NIST's innovation is public/private partnership. The creation of the proposed foundation will facilitate expansion of such partnerships without cost to the USG. As has been noted, similar foundations have been established for NIH, CDC, NSF, USDA and DOE, among others, with salient effect.

As a long-time collaborator and volunteer on the VCAT, I strongly endorse this proposal and believe that it will provide leverage to NIST's work with private and academic partners.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vinton Cerf", with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

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