CONGRESSIONAL PRIVACY CAUCUS

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Purpose

The purpose of CPC is to educate Members of Congress and staff on matters of individual privacy, to provide a forum for the discussion of these issues and to serve as legislative advocates for personal privacy.

Principles

1. **Notice**: Individuals must be informed in a clear and conspicuous manner when private companies or governmental agencies plan to collect, use, and/or disclose personally identifiable information, and individuals must be told the intended recipient of the information and the purpose(s) for which it shall be used.

2. **Access and Correction**: An individual must have access to personably identifiable information held by a private company or governmental agency to make sure it is accurate, timely, and complete and customers must have the ability to correct erroneous information.

3. **Consent**: A private company or governmental agency must receive prior affirmative consent of the individual before it uses and/or discloses that individual's information for any other purpose other than for which it was originally given.

4. **Non-Preemption**: Individuals must benefit from the strongest privacy protections available, therefore, federal privacy protections must not preempt state laws or other regulations that provide stronger privacy protections.

Who is the Congressional Privacy Caucus?
The Congressional Privacy Caucus is a bipartisan, bicameral group of Members of Congress dedicated to protecting individual privacy.

How will the CPC carry out its purpose?
The Congressional Privacy Caucus will hold Congressional briefings for Members of Congress and staff, identify, examine and recommend legislative proposals to Congress.