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Press Release

Clinton to Fully Back DATA Act Implementation

Presumptive Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton also supports replacing document-based regulatory reporting with structured data

Washington, DC-- Today, presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton unveiled her campaign's [Technology and Innovation Agenda](#). The Agenda includes a commitment to open up more government data for public uses. The [Data Coalition](#) welcomed Secretary Clinton's strong support for fully implementing the [DATA Act](#) of 2014 and replacing document-based regulatory reporting with structured data.

"President Obama's White House [has not always](#) supported the DATA Act, so we are excited to see Secretary Clinton's [explicit commitment](#) to get the job done if she succeeds him," said Hudson Hollister, executive director of the Data Coalition. "Under the law's deadlines, the next president will be responsible to make sure that every agency begins reporting spending as structured data - and that Treasury and OMB publish that data set in full."

The Technology and Innovation Agenda [also promises](#) that a President Hillary Clinton would "bring an open data approach to regulation - making it easier for businesses to submit structured data instead of documents, and bringing greater transparency to financial and other markets," closely matching the goals of the proposed [Financial Transparency Act](#) (HR 2477), which the Data Coalition has championed in Congress.

"We certainly hope that every presidential candidate will commit to open data - in spending, by implementing the DATA Act of 2014; in regulation, by replacing document-based reports with structured data; and throughout our legal system, by adopting a standardized structure for laws and mandates," said Hollister.

Presidential candidates Donald Trump (Republican), Gary Johnson (Libertarian), and Jill Stein (Green) have not yet offered specific positions on open data.

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About the Data Coalition

The Data Coalition advocates on behalf of the private sector and the public interest for the publication of government information as standardized, open data. Open data enhances accountability, improves government management, reduces compliance costs, and stimulates innovation. Representing a cross-section of the technology industry and implementers, the Coalition's membership includes market leaders such as Workiva, RR Donnelley, Booz Allen Hamilton, and CGI Federal and growing start-ups such as idaciti and CBeyondData. For more information, visit datacoalition.org.