Comments of CDT to the Department of Commerce on Information Privacy and Innovation in the Internet Economy

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The Center for Democracy & Technology (CDT) appreciates this opportunity to respond to the questions posed in the Internet Policy Task Force “Green Paper” on commercial data privacy. CDT applauds the Task Force’s outstanding work on this report and believes it to be an important step toward a long overdue comprehensive privacy protection framework in this country. We are especially pleased to see that the administration is prepared to take on a leadership role on the issue of privacy, both domestically and internationally. It is noteworthy that the Task Force has recommended the adoption of the full range of Fair Information Practice Principles across all industries that collect and use consumer data. Fundamentally, CDT believes that this can only be accomplished through baseline privacy legislation, and we urge that approach as the appropriate means to implement a new privacy protection framework. We respectfully submit these comments to guide the Task Force’s development of its final White Paper report.

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