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### **Statement by the Honorable Bobby L. Rush**

**at the**

**Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing and Trade Subcommittee**

**Hearing: “The Threat of Data Theft to American Consumers”**

*Rush announces his intent to introduce H.R. 1707, the DATA Act, today*

WASHINGTON — “We’ve known for several sessions of Congress that massive, mega-data breaches can and will occur. And we’ve had the vision to introduce legislation to make these breaches more difficult to perpetrate while also ensuring that consumers can return to as close to whole as possible after they piece back together their personal lives and identities after their private information falls into the hands of intruders, hackers and illegal resellers.

“Today, I plan to reintroduce the Data Accountability and Trust Act (DATA). I am happy to say that I am being joined by Congressman Joe Barton from Texas and Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky from Illinois, who will join me as original co-sponsors. The DATA Act is the same bill that I introduced and was able to get passed out of this Committee, with bipartisan support, in December, 2009 in the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress. H.R. 2221 passed out of the House on suspension and was then referred to the Senate Commerce Committee.

“When I became chair of the House subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection in the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress, I introduced H.R. 958, which I have strengthened and shaped since then to keep up with online and network technologies and emerging formats for storing consumer data. These technologies and formats improve consumers’ lives and make new and exciting business and revenue models viable.

“But, it has also been important in my legislative and policy approaches to remain technologically neutral, so that we don’t pick winners and losers. We have also endeavored to better understand the unique natures of the business models and realities involving what the bill defines as “service providers,”

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“information brokers” and “fraud databases” so as not to cause unintended consequences or to unreasonably disrupt the free flow of interstate commerce.

“Additionally, the DATA bill would allow for delays of up to 30 days—or indefinitely—before security breach notifications must be given to individuals in instances where a Federal, state, or local law enforcement agency, or a federal security or homeland security agency, says in writing that doing so would impede a criminal or civil investigation or threaten national security.”

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NOTE: Here’s a link to the legislation as posted on [www.Thomas.gov](http://www.Thomas.gov):  
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