 Legislative Priorities for 117th Congress

As America’s premier voice on data policy, the Data Coalition promotes policies that enable government data to be high-quality, accessible, and usable. The Data Coalition’s legislative agenda includes legislation that addresses the policy priorities for data sharing, evidence-based decision-making, government spending, innovation and emerging technology, market and regulatory technology data, and open data. Legislative priorities are updated as bills are filed.

**Financial Transparency Act**

The Financial Transparency Act adopts recommendations from the U.S. Treasury Department to reduce regulatory overlap and duplication for financial institutions, improving data sharing, and applying uniform data standards for regulatory data.

**National Secure Data Service Act**

The National Secure Data Service Act establishes a new data linkage resource at the National Science Foundation.

**Health STATISTICS Act**

The bipartisan Health Standards to Advance Transparency, Integrity, Science, Technology Infrastructure, and Confidential Statistics Act of 2020 (Health STATISTICS Act) promotes the rapid adoption and use of existing data standards created by industry and non-profit partners, while also planning for future data innovation.

**Access to Congressionally Mandated Reports Act**

The Access to Congressionally Mandated Reports Act establishes a process and requirements for the Government Publishing Office to make available reports provided by federal agencies to Congress, subject to redaction for sensitive information.

**Paperwork Reduction Act Reauthorization**

The Paperwork Reduction Act provides sweeping authorities for managing government data collection and quality, as well as prescribing policies for governing relevant activities. The Data Coalition supports modifications to the Paperwork Reduction Act that improve efficiency of operations, transparency of decision-making processes, and effectiveness of data governance.

**Appropriations**

 Agencies need adequate resources to implement data governance and management activities. The Data Coalition supports appropriations that enable Chief Data Officers, Evaluation Officers, and Statistical Officials across government agencies to implement responsible data policy. The Data Coalition supports funding for key organization attributes and activities that affect data access, government, quality, management, and use, including application of emerging privacy-preserving technologies.