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**\*\*Press Release\*\***

**Senate and House Make Moves to Modernize Grant Reporting**

*The House Passes the GREAT Act; Senate Committee Approves GREAT Act by Voice-Vote*

**Washington, D.C.** - This evening, the House of Representatives passed the [Grant Reporting Efficiency and Agreements Transparency \(GREAT\) Act \(S. 3484, H.R. 4887\)](#). Additionally, earlier today, the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee unanimously reported the legislative proposal by voice vote. The bill was marked-up one day after Senators James Lankford (OK-R) and Mike Enzi (WY-R) introduced a Senate version.

The Senate version of the GREAT Act text mirrors the House bill, which was [approved](#) by the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee in February 2018.

"The Data Coalition is thrilled to see both chambers of Congress act swiftly to advance the GREAT Act, a bipartisan, bicameral bill, championed by Congresswoman Virginia Foxx (R-NC-5), Congressman Jimmy Gomez (D-CA-34), and Senator James Lankford (R-OK)," said **Hudson Hollister, Executive Director of the Data Coalition**. "The GREAT Act will modernize the way nearly \$700 billion in federal grant funds are tracked and reported each year using open data. This legislative proposal will deliver transparency for grantmaking agencies and the public and allow grantees to ultimately automate their reporting processes, thus reducing compliance costs. We now urge the Senate to act and make the GREAT Act law."

Read Senator Lankford's press release [here](#).

Read the full text of the bill [here](#).

Read a summary of the bill [here](#).

**About the Data Coalition:** The Data Coalition is the world's first, and only, open data trade association. We advocate 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. Our members represent a cross-section of the technology industry and implementers, employ over two hundred thousand Americans, and have a combined market capitalization exceeding \$1.5 trillion. For more information, visit [datacoalition.org](http://datacoalition.org).