

February 12, 2019

The Honorable Jerrold Nadler
Chair
U.S. House Committee on the Judiciary

The Honorable Doug Collins
Ranking Member
U.S. House Committee on the Judiciary

Dear Chairman Nadler and Ranking Member Collins:

We, the following 16 organizations, are writing in support of the Electronic Court Records Reform Act of 2019. The legislation would improve the federal courts' electronic records system, enabling greater access to court records and bringing increased efficiency and transparency to the courts.

The legislation would address several of the issues raised during the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet February 2017 hearing, "Judicial Transparency and Ethics," including the federal courts' current compartmentalized electronic records system and PACER's fees for access to case materials.

The legislation would consolidate the Case Management/Electronic Case Files (CM/ECF) system and require