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**ASSOCIATION FOR COMPETITIVE TECHNOLOGY STATEMENT ON  
"IN DEFENSE OF FREEDOM" COALITION**

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, Association for Competitive Technology President Jonathan Zuck issued the following statement at the "In Defense of Freedom" press conference:

"In the aftermath of September 11th, the technology industry must work with law enforcement to do everything possible to bring those who committed these crimes to justice and reduce the possibility that tragedies of this kind will ever happen again.

As we proceed, long-term success can only be ensured through calm deliberation as we assess the effectiveness and the full range of consequences of our actions. Clearly, these attacks were a blatant attempt to stifle the American economy and we need to take all reasonable steps to preserve its health in this time of uncertainty. For the past 20 years, the technology sector has been a driving force for economic growth. Therefore, we must consider the full impact of any proposals that may produce the unintended consequences of limiting consumer security and jeopardizing the future of e-commerce."

ACT is a national education and advocacy group for the technology industry. Representing mostly small- and mid-size companies, ACT is the industry's strongest voice when it comes to preserving competition and innovation in the high tech sector. ACT's membership includes businesses involved in all aspects of the IT sector including computer software and hardware development, IT consulting and training, and dot-coms.