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To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this letter is to provide Google Services (Google Cloud Platform (GCP) and G Suite) customers assurance that Google Services is operating in compliance with requirements of NIST SP 800-53 for the 2017 reporting period.

The Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program (FedRAMP) is a government-wide program that provides a standardized approach to security assessment, authorization and continuous monitoring for cloud-based services. As an accredited FedRAMP Third Party Assessment Organization (3PAO), Coalfire Systems (Coalfire) performs independent security assessments for cloud service provider offerings such as Google Services. As a 3PAO, Coalfire is required to meet strict accreditation requirements that ensure assessment independence and integrity. FedRAMP is recognized within the industry as one of the most comprehensive risk assessment programs for commercial or government agency cloud environments.

The FedRAMP Moderate baseline is a set of [325 NIST SP 800-53 controls](#) and additional requirements (including vulnerability scanning, penetration testing, and continuous monitoring) to be assessed to determine adequacy of security of a Moderate impact system (loss of confidentiality, integrity, and availability would result in serious adverse effects on customer operations, assets, or individuals).

From June 19, 2017 to October 15, 2017, Coalfire performed a FedRAMP Moderate baseline assessment of Google Services. The assessment included security control analysis, vulnerability scanning, and penetration testing, the results of which are documented in the Google Services FedRAMP Security Assessment Report (SAR), dated November 1, 2017. As of the date of this letter, Google's FedRAMP Package is being reviewed by the FedRAMP Joint Authorization Board and Provisional ATO is expected on February 7, 2018.

As a result of assessment activities, Coalfire concludes that Google has implemented NIST SP 800-53 Revision 4 security controls in compliance with the FedRAMP Moderate baseline and that all deviations from the baseline are being tracked and remediated in accordance with FedRAMP guidance.

Coalfire is the leading 3PAO of the FedRAMP program, having performed the most assessments to-date. Our reputation has been built on the comprehensiveness of our assessments that we provide to our clients and the overall thoroughness of our reviews on behalf of the US Federal Government. We stand behind all the work we perform and put forth unbiased deliverables outlining the findings from assessment activities. Any recommendations for authorization are based off the results of our review and presented to the US Federal Government for their authorization determination. Any questions regarding Coalfire's 2017 assessment of Google Services can be directed by email to [Matthew.Houy@Coalfire.com](mailto:Matthew.Houy@Coalfire.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew Houy".

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