## **WERC Applauds Congressional Push to Streamline Data Protection Laws**

WASHINGTON, DC – 1 May 2024, WERC President & CEO Anupam Singhal issued the following statement related to discussion draft of the American Privacy Rights Act of 2024:

"U.S. employers and the industries that support their operations, including those involved with talent mobility, currently navigate a challenging and regularly changing patchwork of state and local data security regulations to protect information related to their employees, customers, and other stakeholders. This makes effective compliance with such a disparate regulatory framework unnecessarily difficult and expensive for businesses. WERC and our members have long called for establishing a national data privacy standard creating a clear and consistent framework for organizations to comply with instead of having to balance varied state regulations.

WERC applauds Representative Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA) and Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA) for releasing a discussion draft of the American Privacy Rights Act of 2024, which would establish a national data privacy and security standard. This is an important bipartisan step toward providing much needed clarity and consistency around data security requirements and we urge members to finalize the Act for introduction and consideration during the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress.

WERC is ready to advise members to implement solutions that support work from anywhere, are agile, and advance talent mobility strategies."

