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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 the requirements of NIST SP 800-34 for the 2018 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.

From September 17, 2018 to December 14, 2018, Coalfire performed a FedRAMP High 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 April 15, 2019.

As a result of assessment activities, Coalfire concludes that Google meets the guidelines established in NIST SP 800-34, which includes the implementation of nine NIST SP 800-53 Contingency Planning (CP) security controls that are required as part of the FedRAMP High baseline.

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 2018 assessment of Google Services can be directed by email to Milton.Johnson@Coalfire.com.

Sincerely,

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