



Proposed CFIUS Legislation Impact on VCs Webinar

When: Thursday, December 14

Time: 1:00-2:00 pm ET (10:00-11:00 am PT)

Register: <http://bit.ly/2AjXXie> (WSGR clients may register complimentary with the code: CFIUS2017)

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Background

On November 8, a bipartisan coalition in Congress introduced legislation to amend CFIUS, the U.S. government committee that reviews foreign investments for national security implications. The legislation would increase significantly the likelihood of lengthy CFIUS reviews when VCs (and others) make investments in US technology companies using money from foreign individuals and businesses. NVCA industry partner Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati (WSGR) issued this short [alert](#) immediately after the legislation was introduced.

NVCA's work on the issue

NVCA has been working with the Senate office that is drafting the legislation to share the perspective of the venture capital industry. In particular, NVCA has sought to reduce the risk that foreign LPs investing in U.S. venture funds would cause the VC investments to be "covered transactions," and to emphasize the challenges that would exist if CFIUS reviewed the investments of foreign entities that are part of a syndicate.

Webinar Details

The NVCA is pleased to host a webinar with WSGR attorneys Stephen Heifetz, Melissa Mannino, and Beth George to explore many of the key issues and potential problems entailed in the legislation.

- What is the extent of foreign involvement that would make a transaction subject to CFIUS review?
- When would CFIUS filings – currently advisable for many transactions but not legally required – become mandatory under the new legislation?
- What is a "purely passive" investment that does not trigger CFIUS concerns?

Stephen, Melissa, and Beth will discuss these and other questions and convey their insights from years of government service on CFIUS, as well as their many years of private practice helping investors and companies navigate the CFIUS process.