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California Privacy Champion Mary Stone Ross to Join EPIC

WASHINGTON, DC – Mary Stone Ross, former President of Californians for Consumer Privacy, will join the Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC) as Associate Director in January 2020.

Ms. Ross led the most successful privacy campaign in US history, gathering 600,000 signatures for a California ballot initiative. That campaign led to enactment of the California Consumer Privacy Act, the most comprehensive consumer privacy law in the United States. The CCPA goes into effect January 1, 2020.

EPIC President Marc Rotenberg said, “We are thrilled that Mary is joining EPIC. She brings to EPIC a powerful combination of deep policy expertise, effective grassroots engagement, and concrete legislative results that have benefitted consumers across the country.”

Ms. Ross said, “I look forward to working with Marc and EPIC. EPIC is among the most well regarded privacy organizations in the world. This is a great honor for me.”

Prior to her work in California, Ross was the founder and CEO of an EdTech startup. Earlier in her career, she served in high-level government roles in security and intelligence including as Counsel to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence at the U.S. House of Representatives, at the Central Intelligence Agency, and at Los Alamos National Laboratory.

She received her J.D. from the University of Virginia and her B.A. from Yale University. She is a member of the New York State Bar and was appointed to the California Lawyers Association Executive Committee for Antitrust, Unfair Competition Law, and Privacy.

EPIC is a public interest research center in Washington, DC. EPIC was established in 1994 to focus public attention on emerging privacy and civil liberties issues. EPIC pursues a wide range of activities including policy research, public education, litigation, and advocacy. EPIC works closely with a distinguished advisory board, with expertise in law, technology and public policy. EPIC maintains one of the most popular privacy web sites in the world - epic.org. A recent report from EPIC – “Grading On A Curve” – examines privacy bills currently in Congress.

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