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Richard Breakiron is Commvault's Senior Director, Strategic Initiatives, Americas Public Sector. He works with key industry associations and Federal and State government leaders focusing on strategic solutions for delivering actionable insight within a globally integrated data management capability. With Commvault, he brings the premise that Data Readiness is the cornerstone of a holistic Cyber Readiness strategy. Actionable insight from data readiness remains the operational imperative to Future Global Operations for all levels of government. Richard values being seen as distinctly qualified in understanding government challenges and requirements and being a catalyst to draw industry solutions to bear for success. He draws on an extensive IT career and experience from developing, deploying, and operating significant network and IT program efforts, ranging from the standup of 7th Signal Command, implementation of Defense Enterprise Email (DEE) for Army CONUS, managing the IT synchronization of the largest BRAC in US history, to developing the partnership with Army, AF, DoD CIO, and DISA that led to the Joint Regional Security Stack (JRSS) and Multi-Protocol Label Switch (MPLS) program. With Dave DeVries, former CIO, OPM, Deputy CIO, OSD, and CIO, State of Michigan joining the Commvault Public Sector Strategic Initiatives team, they bring over 80 years direct leadership experience to meet public sector needs. Both of them hold as a hallmark of their careers in government of having built strong partnerships and coalitions across the DoD and Federal and State government as the basis for delivering unprecedented IT capabilities to the nation and maintain that characteristic now with industry.

Before assuming his senior executive position at Commvault, Breakiron was Executive VP, Public sector, root9B, an advanced Cyber security company delivering unique and focused Cyber solutions to the DoD, US Cyber Command and the intelligence agencies. Prior to that Breakiron served as the Senior Director, Cyber Solutions for ViON Corporation, while initiating the standup of Ascolta, LLC, a data analytics subsidiary of ViON, serving as their General Manager on the board. While in federal government he served as the JRSS Program Manager at DISA, the Network Capacity Domain Manager and interim Chief Integration Officer, managing the integration of Army-wide IT strategy and network modernization efforts, to include strategic messaging to the Army and Congress on IT reform and modernization on behalf of the CIO/G6 in the Pentagon.