

Can You Sign This?

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Before anyone affirms a SPRS / 800-171 assessment score, the signer should be able to answer **yes** to each item—or pause.

- **Scope:** We have a written list of systems, users, and locations in scope for CUI / 800-171—and it matches how we work today.
- **CUI paths:** We know how CUI enters, is stored, processed, and leaves (including email and file shares).
- **SSP:** Our System Security Plan describes the environment we actually run—not next year's project list.
- **Evidence:** For controls marked "implemented," we can produce evidence (configs, tickets, policies, screenshots) without theater.
- **High-weight controls:** MFA, access control, audit logging, and similar high-impact items were sampled—not rubber-stamped.
- **Scoring math:** Weights (commonly 1/3/5) and non-POA&M-able rules were applied using the official methodology we are required to use.
- **POA&Ms:** Open gaps have owners, realistic dates, and are not infinite "someday" items.
- **Vendors:** MSP / cloud / SaaS shared responsibilities are written down; we are not assuming "they handle CMMC."
- **Independent challenge:** Someone other than the original scorer reviewed the assessment for optimism bias.
- **Signature courage:** A knowledgeable person at our company can stand behind this score without hesitation.

Decision

- Ready to sign with residual risk briefed to leadership ■ Not ready — do not invent a score

Signer name: _____ Role: _____ Date: _____

Notes: _____

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