

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing to express our support for your efforts to advance a robust trade agenda for America. With 95 percent of the world's consumers living beyond U.S. shores, it is critical that America presses forward with a strong trade agenda that opens markets to U.S. goods and services, which in turn drives economic growth, fosters innovation, and creates jobs for American workers.

One initiative emerging as an especially attractive potential trade win for the United States and the global economy this year is expansion of the Information Technology Agreement (ITA).

Through tariff elimination of tech products, the ITA has helped to increase jobs, spur growth, drive innovation, lower consumer prices, and bridge communities around the world. A broad cross-section of U.S. industry considers the ITA as one of the most commercially successful agreements to come out of the World Trade Organization. Despite its success, not a single new tariff line has been added to the agreement since it went into force in 1997 even though the tech sector has been bursting with growth and innovation.

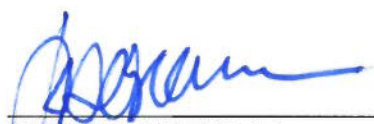
Negotiations in Geneva began last May to expand product coverage of the ITA and momentum is growing to get a deal essentially done as early as this summer. A whole new range of tech products may be included, such as flat panel televisions, Bluetooth devices, GPS systems, game consoles, and a type of next-generation semiconductor. It is estimated that ITA expansion would increase U.S. exports of tech products to the tune of \$2.8 billion annually, expand global GDP by \$190 billion, and support the creation of roughly 60,000 new American jobs.

Though negotiations are making good headway, sustained U.S. political leadership at the highest levels will be necessary to get a robust expansion of the agreement and achieve a significant trade win this year. We do not want America to miss the opportunity to grow jobs, foster innovation, and spur economic growth through trade, and we urge you to devote the necessary resources and political focus to get an ambitious outcome in 2013. One fast-approaching opportunity to give a boost to this initiative is the APEC trade ministers' meeting set to convene in Surabaya, Indonesia April 20-21. As you know, APEC played an important role in launching the ITA. With your Administration's

leadership, APEC can play a similarly important role to make the agreement stronger and more commercially relevant by ramping up its support for achieving an ambitious and speedy outcome for ITA expansion.

We look forward to working with you and your Administration to ensure a swift, successful conclusion of the initiative to expand the ITA. The U.S. economy and the American people need this trade win this year.

Sincerely,



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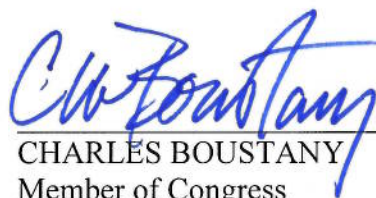
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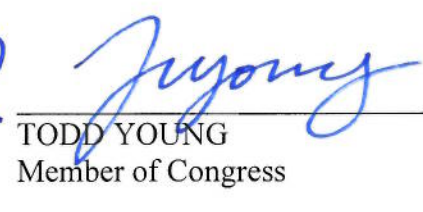
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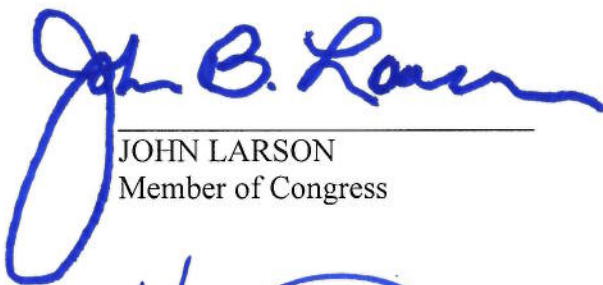
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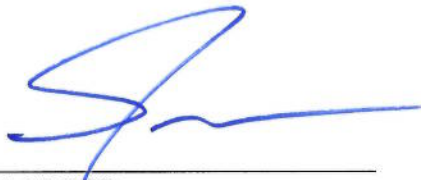
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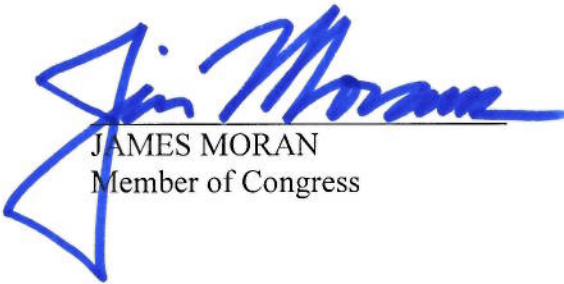
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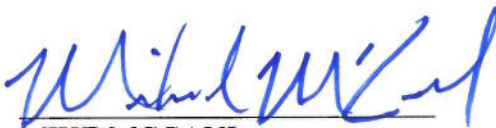
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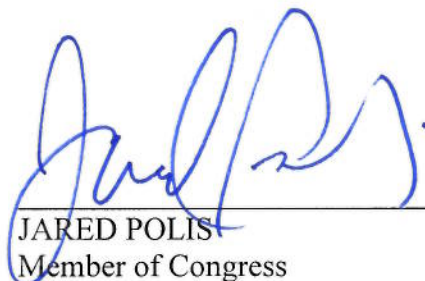
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