July 14, 2014

The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Re: <u>H.R. 3086, the "Permanent Internet Tax Freedom Act"</u>

Dear Speaker Boehner and Leader Pelosi:

On behalf of the members of the Information Technology Industry Council (ITI), I write to express our support for H.R. 3086, the "Permanent Internet Tax Freedom Act." ITI strongly supports a permanent extension of the moratorium on Internet access taxes, and urges the Senate to pass it before the current moratorium expires on November 1, 2014. The Internet tax moratorium is vital to the innovation economy, and must be extended to help maintain America's role as the world's leader in technological advancement. *Given the importance of this issue to the high-tech community, we will consider scoring votes in support of final passage of the Permanent Internet Tax Freedom Act in our 113th Congressional Voting Guide.*

ITI supports a permanent extension of the Internet tax moratorium because it will help provide certainty for consumers and businesses and enable them to invest in advanced internet broadband services and new technologies in the coming years. We believe all Americans should have the opportunity to realize the benefits of the Internet, and the Internet tax moratorium has helped ensure Americans have affordable access to services such as Internet-based medical treatment, distance education, and electronic commerce, which have improved millions of lives.

ITI is the premier advocacy and policy organization for 58 of the world's leading information and communications technology companies, including computer hardware and software, internet services, as well as wired and wireless networking equipment companies.

We thank you for your leadership and urge you and all Members of the House to pass this bill as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Members of the House of Representatives

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