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The Honorable F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr.
Chairman
House Science Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Sensenbrenner:

The President's Information Technology Advisory Committee enthusiastically supports your draft legislation, the *Networking and Information Technology Research and Development Act*. We are pleased that this bill closely tracks PITAC's recommendations for increased Federal funding for information technology as outlined in our report to the President, *Information Technology Research: Investing in Our Future*. This research is critical to realizing the opportunities of information technology in the 21st Century.

PITAC members are especially encouraged by your leadership in including out-year budgets for research and development (R&D) in information technology and in making the R&D investment tax credit permanent. The application of information technology is critical to the overall success of this nation's development and leadership in information technology. Furthermore, information technology is essential to every area of government. For these reasons, we would like to recommend that you consider extending information technology R&D funding to all agencies covered by the original HPC Act, some of which were not included in your draft legislation.

Members of PITAC look forward to continuing to work with you and other members of Congress and the Administration as you strive to put into place the funding, policies, and programs critical to our nation's future in information technology. If we can be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to call upon us. Once again, congratulations on your excellent legislation.

Sincerely,

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