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The Honorable Ted Stevens  
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Senate Committee on Appropriations  
SH-522 Hart Senate Office Building  
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

We are pleased to submit a copy of PITAC's review of the Information Technology for the 21st Century (IT<sup>2</sup>) initiative and its Implementation Plan, as requested by the Administration.

PITAC values the support of information technology research and development demonstrated in the Information Technology for the 21st Century initiative included in the President's budget request to Congress and The Network and Information Technology Research and Development Act (NITRD) introduced by Chairman Sensenbrenner in the House. We hope that Congress will provide the funding necessary to ensure the information technology research and development that is so vital to our nation's progress.

We hope that our review is helpful as you make important funding and policy decisions. We look forward to continuing to work with members of Congress and the Administration on these important issues.

Sincerely,

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Raj Reddy  
Co-Chair

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Attachment