

The following statement may be attributed to Roger Cochetti, Group Director of U.S. Public Policy for the Computing Technology Industry Association (CompTIA):



**CompTIA Urges Returning Congress to
Expediently Pass the R&D Tax Credit**

Its lapse stalls American tech leadership, drying up compensation for innovative ideas

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Washington, DC, November 14, 2006 - "As the 109th Congress winds-up its work to fund the Federal government, we respectfully urge it to renew its support for American competitiveness by reinstating the R&D tax credit. 16,000 American businesses – the lion's share of them small – use the R&D tax credit to develop the innovative products global consumers demand. The overwhelming bulk – over 90% – of the credit goes to salaries, compensating workers for their innovative ideas. Since January, however, the R&D credit has expired, and with it, salaries to fund new innovation.

"Both sides of the aisle believe in the pro-worker, pro-innovation, pro-competitive benefits of the credit. We ask the returning Congress to put aside politics and help American workers and businesses maintain their innovative leadership through expeditious passage of the R&D credit. This leadership – borne on the back of hardworking American laborers – deserves nothing less."

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