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The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

We are members of the Information Technology Association of America (ITAA), representing companies in the information technology (IT) industry -- the enablers of the information economy. We are located throughout the United States, and range from the smallest IT start-ups to industry leaders in the custom software, services, systems integration, hardware, telecommunications, Internet, and computer consulting fields.

We applaud the House and Senate for passing bills to extend the R&D tax credit that expires today. We urge Congress to finish the job as soon as possible by enacting legislation that seamlessly extends the R&D tax credit (with no gap between June 30, 2004 and the enactment of the extension) and adopts modifications included in the Senate bill to enhance the credit's value to the American economy. The R&D tax credit is an investment in the future of jobs, economic growth and prosperity for all.

You may be interested to know that a recent survey of ITAA member companies conducted earlier in the year found:

- 87% of respondents say the R&D tax credit is important to their organizations;
- 45% indicate that without the credit in place some products or whole technologies would not have been funded;
- 50% indicate that R&D work would not have been done in the United States without the credit. That work ranged from \$5 million to over \$100 million per company that would have been performed elsewhere.

Sincerely,

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cc: House and Senate Leadership, Finance Committee, Ways and Means Committee