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The Honorable Orrin Hatch
United States Senate
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The Honorable Amy Klobuchar
United States Senate
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The Honorable Chris Coons
United States Senate
127A Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Marco Rubio
United States Senate
317 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Hatch, Klobuchar, Coons, and Rubio:

On behalf of the Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA), I am writing to applaud your leadership in introducing the "Immigration Innovation (I²) Act of 2013."

TIA is a leading trade association for the information and communications technology (ICT) industry, with over 500 member companies that manufacture or supply the products and services used in global communications. Our companies strongly support efforts to improve the U.S. research ecosystem, including through efforts to permit foreign Ph. D. and Masters graduates from U.S. universities in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) to remain in the United States. In addition, we support your efforts to increase the allotment of H-1B visas and to improve STEM education efforts in the United States.

Thank you again for your efforts. TIA appreciates your strong bipartisan commitment to and leadership on this legislation and we look forward to working with you to enact these important reforms this year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Grant E. Seiffert". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Grant Seiffert
President