June 11, 2015

The Honorable John Boehner   The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House   Democratic Leader
US House of Representatives   US House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515   Washington, DC 20515

RE: H.R. 1314, the Trade Act of 2015

Dear Speaker Boehner and Democratic Leader Pelosi:

On behalf of the 61 member companies of the Information Technology Industry Council (ITI), I write to express our strong support for the, the Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Accountability Act of 2015, and for trade promotion authority legislation (TPA). *Given the importance of fair access to foreign markets for the high-tech industry, we intend to score the vote on trade promotion authority during consideration of H.R. 1314, the Trade Act of 2015 in our 114th Congressional Voting Guide.*

The U.S. technology sector has seen unprecedented growth and transformation over the past decade. Much of this growth is the direct result of reaching consumers outside America's borders, including through new digital and Internet platforms. U.S. companies are increasingly facing obstacles, however, by countries imposing barriers to US technology products and services, including the ability to transfer data across borders. This TPA bill provides new direction to the Office of the United States Trade Representative that reflect the U.S. tech sector's priorities, the changes that have happened in the industry since the last TPA was passed in 2002, and new areas for growth in the U.S. tech sector with regard to digital trade issues.

It is vital to ITI, the companies we represent, and the tech sector at large that the United States continue working to open markets and create a balanced trading environment for U.S. companies overseas. Passage of H.R. 1314 is a critical first step to achieving that, and for these reasons we intend to score a vote for the TPA provisions of this bill in our 114th Congressional Voting Guide.

Sincerely,

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cc: Members of the United States House of Representatives

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