



June 30, 2011

The Honorable Harry Reid  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
U.S. Capitol, S-221  
Washington, D.C.  
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
U.S. Capitol, S-230  
Washington, D.C.  
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Dear Majority Leader Reid and Minority Leader McConnell:

As you are aware, patent reform legislation has passed both chambers of Congress with large majority votes. The Information Technology Industry Council (ITI), on behalf of its member companies, wishes to congratulate you and the members of your parties for your diligent efforts in relation to this critical issue.

ITI strongly supports the adoption of HR 1249, the America Invents Act, which recently passed the House of Representatives with a strong bipartisan majority. The House bill contains numerous improvements to the U.S. patent system that will strengthen our economy by incentivizing innovation and job creation. ITI's members believe that an effective patent system that promotes the development of new technologies is critical to our economic future. We therefore urge you to support HR 1249, and move forward with final passage as quickly as possible.

I thank you again for your leadership on reforming our outdated patent system and we look forward to working with you to soon enact patent legislation that will provide for innovation and job growth.

Sincerely,

Dean C. Garfield  
President & CEO