



July 28, 2006

The Honorable Members of the  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator:

On behalf of the Information Technology Association of America (ITAA) and its 330 members, I write to express our continued commitment to the goals and objectives of the World Trade Organization (WTO) Doha Round. For the information technology (IT) sector, the benefits that it promises to offer are enormous. Despite recent setbacks, we continue to support the negotiating process and we hope that you will join us in supporting the Administration's efforts to re-engage our trading partners in meaningful discussions that ultimately yield a robust agreement.

Our members understand that the Doha Round represents a vital opportunity for the US IT industry to gain commitments that will ensure its continued growth and spur US innovation through the twenty-first century. Key negotiating objectives include achieving a full set of market-opening commitments for computer and related services from as many WTO member countries as possible, ensuring that software can move across and into markets free of duties regardless of method of delivery, eliminating customs duties and abolishing non-tariff barriers, such as unreasonable testing and certification.

A failed Doha Round will negatively effect US IT sector growth and limit our members' access to foreign markets. For the past two decades, our sector has created a national economic boom that has created jobs, boosted productivity and ensured America's continued dominance in the fields of research and innovation. Technology enables all of our nation's industry sectors to be more efficient, more productive and more competitive. The continued growth of our sector requires the creation of new markets and a level playing field on which to compete.

We will continue to push for the success of the Doha Round because we understand that its success is vital to our nation's economic growth. We ask for your continued commitment to the completion of an historic Round that can yield ambitious results for US business.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Laurence". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "B" and "L".

Bob Laurence  
President

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