

January 14, 2015

The Honorable Orrin Hatch  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Amy Klobuchar  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Marco Rubio  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Christopher Coons  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jeff Flake  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Richard Blumenthal  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Hatch, Klobuchar, Rubio, Coons, Flake, and Blumenthal:

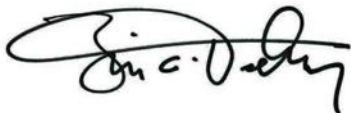
On behalf the Semiconductor Industry Association (SIA), I am writing to express our strong support for the Immigration Innovation Act of 2015 ("I-Squared Act").

High-skilled immigration reform is a critical priority of the U.S. semiconductor industry. In order to compete globally, SIA member companies require the talent of the best and brightest scientists and engineers in the world. U.S. universities attract the highly innovative students from around the world, but unfortunately U.S. companies are often unable to hire these foreign graduates, including students who complete advanced degrees in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Many of these highly educated graduates want to work in the U.S., but they are often compelled to return to their home countries where they compete with U.S. companies. This has the impact of reducing the competitiveness of U.S. companies and restricting growth of the U.S. economy.

The I-Squared Act would strengthen the U.S. economy and promote innovation by making important improvements to the H1-B program and the green card program. These necessary reforms will help spur innovation and create thousands of high paying manufacturing and research jobs here in America.

SIA appreciates your leadership in taking bipartisan action on the I-Squared Act, and we look forward to working with you to ensure its prompt enactment into law.

Sincerely,



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