



April 27, 2006

The Honorable John Cornyn
517 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Cornyn:

On behalf of the 1,300 member companies of the Electronic Industries Alliance (EIA), I am writing to thank you for your continued effort to promote U.S. competitiveness, and job creation in the United States. The reforms proposed in the 'SKIL' bill, which will be introduced in the near future, ensure that U.S. firms continue to have access to the world's most-skilled workers. We applaud your efforts and thank you for your leadership on this critical issue.

As you know, both the H-1B and EB visa programs have been responsible for bringing much needed foreign talent to the United States. These workers have helped fuel economic growth and innovation, leading to an improved standard of living for all Americans. Now however, these programs are broken, and U.S. economic growth and competitiveness are impacted. H-1B shortages are well documented, and green card backlogs persist, at times up to five years beyond typical application processing. This is unfair to hard-working, valued members of the American workforce who may be forced to return home or seek employment with our competitors.

The sound policy solutions contained in the SKIL bill are well-crafted to ensure that the U.S. economy continues to benefit from the contributions of skilled, law-abiding workers – many of whom are educated in the United States. By protecting U.S. employers' ability to continue hiring these talented, foreign-born professionals, your bill will both enhance our global competitiveness and create more good jobs here at home for all Americans, which will strengthen our economy and workforce so that we may continue to lead the world in technology and innovation.

Thank you for your leadership on this critical competitiveness issue. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave McCurdy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dave McCurdy
President, Electronic Industries Alliance