

September 19, 2012

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

The undersigned organizations ask for bipartisan passage of in the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress of H.R. 6429, "STEM Jobs Act of 2012," to establish a new green card program for outstanding STEM advanced degree graduates. Such a reform would allow the American economy to spur innovation and create thousands of high-paying manufacturing and research jobs here in America.

America has been greatly enriched by the contributions of gifted engineers, researchers, and scientists from around the world who have chosen to come here to study and innovate. However, our immigration system has failed to adapt in ways that help ensure we maintain this advantage. Each year, graduate students who complete advanced degrees in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) from America's top universities are offered jobs here by U.S. employers. Hiring advanced degree STEM professionals is a key to creating and retaining jobs in a variety of sectors in our innovation economy. These are highly educated professionals who will create jobs wherever they settle, whether in the U.S. or elsewhere.

Together, the undersigned represent many American employers who hire these highly educated professionals, as well as American high-tech employees. H.R. 6429 would prioritize legal immigration status for those earning STEM degrees from American graduate schools. The employer obligation to confirm that qualified American workers are not available would continue, as under current law.

Our organizations appreciate the strong and sustained bipartisan congressional work on this critically important issue. We are also grateful for the thoughtful consultation on STEM visa issues with stakeholders by House leaders. We urge Congress to work together before adjournment to deliver this critical, timely reform of our legal immigration system.

Very Respectfully,

**National Associations**

American Council of Engineering Companies  
American Council on International Personnel  
American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics  
Business Roundtable  
College and University Professional Association for Human Resources  
Compete America Coalition  
CompTIA  
Consumer Electronics Association  
CTIA - The Wireless Association  
Engine Advocacy  
HR Policy Association  
IEEE-USA

ImmigrationWorks USA  
InfoComm International  
Information Technology Industry Council  
National Association of Manufacturers  
National Foreign Trade Council  
National Marine Manufacturers Association  
Semiconductor Equipment and Materials International (SEMI)  
Semiconductor Industry Association  
Society for Human Resource Management  
Software & Information Industry Association  
TechNet  
TechServe Alliance  
Telecommunications Industry Association  
U.S. Chamber of Commerce

**Employers**

Adobe  
AGCO Corporation  
Altera Corporation  
AMD  
Apple  
ArcelorMittal USA  
Atmel Corporation  
Broadcom  
CA Technologies  
Cargill, Incorporated  
Steve Case and Revolution LLC  
Caterpillar  
Cisco  
Cognizant  
Concord Servicing Corporation  
Dell  
Freescale Semiconductor  
GlobalFoundries  
Halliburton  
Hattery Labs  
Hewlett-Packard Company  
IBM Corporation  
Ingersoll Rand  
Intel Corporation  
Interactive Intelligence, Inc.  
Ludlum Measurements, Inc.  
Manor Tool & Mfg. Co.  
Mar-Bal, Inc.  
Marvell Technology Group  
Maxim Integrated Products

Meadow Mills, Inc.  
Microsoft Corporation  
ON Semiconductor  
Oracle  
Overstock.com  
Oxford Consulting Group  
Pioneer Hi-Bred International Inc.  
PMC-Sierra  
Qualcomm  
SBG Technology Solutions  
Sunnyside Corporation  
Teradata Corporation  
Texas Instruments Incorporated  
The ASCII Group, Inc.  
Uniweld Products Inc.  
Xerox

**State and Local Associations**

Arizona Technology Council  
Bay Area Council  
Bay Area Council Economic Institute  
CEO Council for Growth  
Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce  
Columbus Chamber of Commerce  
CONNECT  
Connecticut Technology Council  
Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce & Industry  
Greater Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Fort Wayne Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Louisville, Inc  
Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce  
Illinois Manufacturers' Association  
Illinois Technology Association  
Indiana Chamber of Commerce  
Joliet Chamber of Commerce  
Kentucky Chamber of Commerce  
Manhattan Chamber of Commerce  
Minnesota Chamber of Commerce  
New Jersey Technology Council  
New York Technology Council  
North Country Chamber of Commerce  
OCTANe  
Overland Park (KS) Chamber of Commerce

Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry  
Prince William (VA) Chamber of Commerce  
Rockford Chamber of Commerce  
San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce  
Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce  
Silicon Valley Leadership Group  
South Shore Chamber of Commerce  
Tampa Bay Technology Forum  
Tech Collective (Rhode Island)  
Technology Association of Georgia  
Tempe (AZ) Chamber of Commerce  
The Committee of 100 (Delaware)  
Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce  
Youngstown/Warren Regional Chamber