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Dear Senator:

On behalf of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers - United States of America (IEEE-USA), I am writing to urge you to join the U.S. Senate RFID Caucus recently organized by Senators Byron Dorgan and John Cornyn. The Senate RFID Caucus was created to educate lawmakers, policymakers, the media and end-users alike about the uses and societal impacts of radio-frequency identification (RFID) technology.

RFID technology is attractive to many industries and applications. Solutions to imponderable problems, such as border security, elimination of counterfeit pharmaceuticals, and better control of the global supply chain, may well be within the purview of RFID technology. At the same time, RFID is a disruptive technology that has the potential to be pervasive in our society, both nationally and globally.

With RFID technology becoming more prevalent, a fragmented approach prevails in policy, legislation and regulatory development. It is essential that the Congress develop the necessary tools to provide effective oversight. We note that the European Commission, recognizing the importance of RFID technology, this month initiated phase 2 of its year-long initiative in developing public policy to effectively support the growth of RFID technology.

We applaud Senators Cornyn and Dorgan for their foresight in organizing the RFID Caucus.

Sincerely,



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[This letter was sent individually to all Members of the U.S. Senate.]