27 March 2007

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House  
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We commend you for your leadership and strongly urge Congress to pass this vital legislation. IEEE-USA stands ready to assist in the effort and offers the considerable resources of the 225,000 engineers, scientists and allied professionals who are U.S. members of the IEEE. IEEE-USA is part of the IEEE, the world's largest technical professional society with 360,000 members in 150 countries. For more information, go to http://www.ieeeusa.org. If you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance, please contact Bill Williams, legislative representative for IEEE-USA’s Research and Development Policy Committee, at (202) 530-8331.

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