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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
235 Cannon House Office Building
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Pelosi:

I am writing on behalf of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers-United States of America (IEEE-USA) to urge your support for the Conference Report on "America Competes Act" (H.R.2272). This bipartisan legislation would help preserve America's global leadership in science and technology and promote U.S. competitiveness and innovation.

The America Competes Act Conference Report is the culmination of over two years of hard work by both chambers to craft comprehensive legislation (H.R. 2272, S. 761) to ensure our nation's competitive position in the world through improvements to math and science education and a strong commitment to research. We applaud the Conferees for recognizing the vital role that science and technology research and development play in ensuring U.S. competitiveness, energy independence and national security. IEEE-USA believes it is especially important that the U.S. recommit its resources to continue developing the knowledge and research base that have become the underpinnings of the country's economic health and public wellbeing. Support for science and technology R&D is a bipartisan initiative that offers Congress and the Administration an opportunity for establishing common ground. We strongly urge all members of Congress to support this important legislation.

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Sincerely,



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