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President Barack Obama  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of more than 215,000 engineers, scientists and allied professionals represented by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers-United States of America (IEEE-USA), I congratulate you on your historic election and inauguration. We look forward to your leadership in addressing the difficult problems facing our country.

We strongly endorse your plan to make investments that will save or create jobs now and build a stronger America for the future. We welcome your emphasis on energy investments because we believe that energy is central to three of the most important challenges we face as a nation: prosperity, security, and the environment. We agree with you on the importance of universal, affordable, access to broadband communications. It will permit workers to perform many jobs almost anywhere and will provide new educational opportunities and improved medical care everywhere. Investing in electronic health technologies will save lives now and reduce health care costs in the longer term.

Your commitment to fund the investments in education and R&D that Congress authorized in 2007 is an essential step toward restoring and maintaining a healthy, innovation-driven economy and assuring a vibrant high-technology workforce for the future. We believe that these investments should be applied broadly, stimulating education, innovation, and economic development across the entire country.

The challenges are daunting, but with them come great opportunities. As innovators whose creativity has been responsible for much of the strength of the American economy, we offer you our support and assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gordon W. Day".

Gordon W. Day, Ph.D.  
2009 IEEE-USA President