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The Honorable Bart Gordon
Chair, U.S. House Committee on Science & Technology
2306 Rayburn Building
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC  20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

IEEE-USA would like to commend The House Science and Technology Committee for passing H.R. 2020, the Networking and Information Technology Research and Development Act of 2009.

IEEE-USA supports the goals of the legislation to ensure that The Networking and Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD) program, as a multi-agency research effort, will continue U.S. leadership in computing systems, advanced networking, software and other information technologies. It is important that in addition to identifying and meeting the critical needs of the federal government in information technology, NITRD will also accelerate the development and deployment of these technologies to improve U.S. productivity and competitiveness in science and engineering.

Thank you for your continued leadership on science and technology issues and we look forward to working with you in passage of this important legislation. If you should have any questions, please contact Deborah Rudolph at (202) 530-8332; d.rudolph@ieee.org.

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