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Speaker of the House John Boehner
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Dear Speaker Boehner, Leader McConnell, Leader Pelosi, and Leader Reid:

The Board of Directors of the Semiconductor Industry Association (SIA) urges Congress to pass Trade Promotion Authority (TPA). We support the Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Accountability Act of 2015 (TPA-2015) and call on you to pass this legislation promptly.

International trade is vital to the U.S. semiconductor industry and the American economy. Access to global markets has enabled our industry to compete successfully and maintain a leading market position with more than half of the \$336 billion global semiconductor market share in 2014. Over 80 percent of the U.S. semiconductor industry's sales are to customers outside the United States; and semiconductors are a leading U.S. export, perennially ranking among the top three U.S. manufactured export products, along with aircraft and automobiles. International trade agreements that open markets and maintain access to the vast majority of our customers are essential to the continued success of our industry.

Trade Promotion Authority (TPA) is needed to empower U.S. trade negotiators to reach final agreements consistent with negotiating objectives and consultation processes set forth by Congress. This authority has been granted by Congress to presidents for decades and is needed now more than ever to facilitate high-standard agreements addressing 21st century trade issues. Our industry is looking to the proposed Transpacific Partnership (TPP) and Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) to grow and maintain access to these markets, while promoting international trade rules that allow our companies to compete fairly for sales around the globe. Strong protection of intellectual property and trade secrets, and the removal of tariff and non-tariff barriers, discriminatory regulatory practices, and impediments to e-commerce are key priorities for our industry.

The U.S. semiconductor industry employs nearly 250,000 people in high-skilled, high-wage jobs in the United States, and supports over one million American jobs. Our industry is a driving force behind American technology leadership. TPA is urgently needed to help support our ability to compete in the global market and ensure the U.S. semiconductor industry continues to thrive and lead.

Sincerely,

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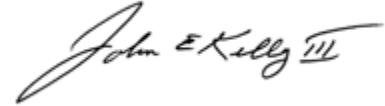
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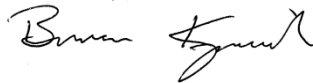
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