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The Honorable Joseph Knollenberg
House of Representatives
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Dear Representative Knollenberg:

An Open Letter to Congress:

The consumer electronics industry drives the U.S. economy and makes America the world's innovation leader. Our industry's strength is directly dependant on international trade and access to global markets.

As companies that represent this vital industry, we urge Congress to advance a strong trade agenda in 2008 by ratifying the pending Colombia, Panama and Republic of Korea bilateral Free Trade Agreements and reauthorizing Trade Promotion Authority. We also ask for your support in urging the Administration to complete multilateral trade negotiations as part of the Doha Development Round of the World Trade Organization; in particular, achievement of an electronics sectoral agreement to eliminate tariff and non-tariff barriers on our products.

These bilateral trade agreements, if approved, will eliminate harmful tariffs, establish a level playing field for American workers and allow America to compete effectively in key international markets. Progress on the elimination of tariff and non-tariff barriers on a multilateral basis will further unleash the full economic potential of our industry.

To maintain a strong domestic technology industry the U.S. must make every effort to reduce international trade barriers and open new markets to American goods. In a globalized world, free trade empowers our companies to innovate, compete and create new jobs for American workers.

Sincerely,

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