



The Internet Association

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Senator Orrin Hatch
104 Hart Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Hatch:

The Internet Association appreciates the opportunity to offer a letter of support for the Immigration Innovation Act of 2013, also known as the I-Squared Act of 2013. We represent the interests of the leading U.S. Internet companies that have a significant impact on job creation and the U.S. economy. The Internet Association understands the importance of sound and balanced immigration reform.

We commend your bipartisan effort to reform our immigration system, which has resulted in the deportation of many of the best and the brightest immigrants who come to the United States to earn their education, particularly in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). In order for the United States to remain competitive in a global marketplace, it is essential that we invest in our country's future competitiveness by providing skilled foreign students and professionals with the opportunity to remain here and to apply their skills and knowledge to our growing economy.

This legislation has an important purpose, as it will increase the H1-B visa cap, increase portability of high-skilled foreign workers, and exempt U.S. STEM advanced degree holders from the employment based green card cap. Foreign-born residents have contributed significantly to the U.S. technology sector and are responsible for companies that generate jobs and billions of dollars in revenue.

While this bill addresses the importance of retaining high-skilled foreign professionals and students, the Internet Association also applauds your foresight in understanding that we must continue to promote STEM education amongst U.S. citizens.

Thank you for your leadership on this very important issue.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Senator Klobuchar, Senator Rubio, and Senator Coons