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Republican Leader Mitch McConnell  
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Dear Speaker Pelosi, Majority Leader Reid, and Republican Leaders McConnell and Boehner:

We write to ask for Congress' support for investing in the future economic competitiveness of our country. As you consider President Obama's economic recovery proposal and develop your own views, we strongly encourage you to support investments in our digital infrastructure. From our knowledge and experience in the marketplace, we know these investments will provide our nation with a near-term stimulus and long-term comparative advantage.

Investments in America's digital infrastructure will spur significant job creation in the immediate term. An investment of \$40 billion in America's IT network infrastructure in 2009 will create more than 949,000 U.S. jobs, more than half of which will be in small businesses, according to the Information Technology Industry Foundation (ITIF).

Congress and the new Administration face a formidable task, restoring the nation's confidence and encouraging the innovation, risk-taking and entrepreneurship needed to get our country moving again. The investments in a smarter energy grid, health care IT (such as electronic medical records) and accelerating broadband deployment recommended by President Obama will not only stimulate the economy, but will also accelerate long-term growth. They fund the future.

An investment of \$40 billion, which we believe is a critical starting point, also promises to increase productivity and competitiveness over the long-term. Information and communications-enabled technologies improve energy efficiency, help doctors save lives and money in health care, catalyze new business models and entrepreneurs, enable educational improvements and empower individuals to take more control over their lives. Those nations with the most advanced digital infrastructure will reap the largest benefits and lead in next generation jobs, services and companies.

While Congress will no-doubt have many things to consider, we encourage you to support initiatives that will position our country to succeed in the 21<sup>st</sup> century global economy.

Sincerely,

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