



April 24, 2009

The Honorable Orrin Hatch
104 Hart Senate Office Building
The United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Hatch:

I wanted to drop you a short note congratulating you on being named the new Chairman of the Senate Republican High Tech Task Force (HTTF). Your years of service to our country in the United States Senate, as well as your personal attention to the development of the technology industry in Utah, make you an ideal leader for technology policy in the U.S. Congress.

I know personally the seriousness with which you approach the continued development and growth of the high tech industry. Your thoughtful attention to issues ranging from international competition and trade to high-skilled immigration has made a deep impact on the technology policy and regulatory landscape. I greatly appreciate your commitment to our industry, and I look forward to continuing our strong relationship with you and your office to enhance U.S. technology competitiveness through investments in basic research, education, and workforce development.

Thank you for your willingness to take on this leadership role in the U.S. Senate for our industry. Please let us know how we can be helpful to you and the task force going forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven A. Ballmer". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Steven A. Ballmer
Chief Executive Officer