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

Dear Senator Hatch,

Congratulations on your recent appointment as Chairman of the Senate Republican High Tech Task Force. At a time when Congress is faced with the critical challenge of helping to spur an economic recovery and building the foundation for long-term growth and job creation, I'm heartened to see that you will be at the helm of a group that is uniquely positioned to provide leadership on policies that ensure a pathway for creativity, innovation, free expression and economic growth.

Google is particularly glad that the Task Force will be led by someone with your deep and broad technology policy expertise, and we are especially thankful for your leadership on the Judiciary Committee and on priority technology policy issues such as patent reform, the digital television transition, and calling for H-1B visa expansion.

We look forward to working with you and the Task Force to ensure that the United States leverages the Internet and other technologies to advance economic growth, produce new jobs, and remain the world's innovation leader.

Sincerely,

Congratulations!!!

Eric Schmidt

Eric Schmidt
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