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The Honorable Orrin Hatch
104 Hart Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator Hatch:

Congratulations on becoming the new Chairman of the Senate Republican High Tech Task Force.

During your years in the Senate you have provided valuable leadership on issues facing the high tech industry. Most recently on patent reform and intellectual property issues, but also on health care, tax and national security issues, you have been a strong leader, championing positions that promote business and sought to keep America's economy strong.

As you know, over the past few years Verizon has spent nearly \$52 billion in capital expenditures to build the most advanced fiber-optic broadband and wireless network in the world. We now have over 1 million FiOS TV customers and 1.5 million FiOS Broadband Internet customers. We are continuing to raise the bar on our offerings with our decision to deploy a 4G wireless network using a new technology called Long Term Evolution (LTE). This new technology will revolutionize the wireless industry and meet our customer's demands to transition seamlessly between the wire line and wireless networks.

Verizon will continue to push forward, investing in next generation technologies helping to strengthen the economy and keep the U.S. globally competitive. The positions you have championed have played an important part in creating an environment that has allowed us to invest in and deploy these technological innovations. I look forward to working with you in your new position to address all the issues facing the high tech industry.

Again, congratulations on your new position. We at Verizon look forward to working with you to create policy that will strengthen our industry and the economy.

Regards,

Ivan

Thank you, Senator
It is a pleasure to work with you—
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