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

Dear Senator Hatch:

I write to congratulate you on your selection to Chair the Senate Republican High Tech Task Force. As we move towards a global digital future, we need experienced policymakers who understand the high tech industry to take on these important leadership positions. The Senate Republican High Tech Task Force will be in able hands as you guide your colleagues to seek the best policy paths for our 21st Century digital economy.

While serving in the U.S. Senate, you have championed many of the pro-technology, pro-innovation policies that have allowed the online industry to thrive. We thank you for those efforts and look forward to continuing to work with you on policies that make America more innovative and competitive in the global marketplace.

Just one example of the commitment you have shown is to the reform of the patent system, for which I applaud you and your efforts. Currently the patent system is dangerously outdated and if not reformed, it will intensify the burdens faced by companies like Yahoo! in their efforts to innovate in the United States. Innovation fuels not only the success of our company but the success of our country.

Additionally, you have advocated for a fair and efficient H-1B visa system to meet America's economic needs for highly skilled and specialized workers. Yahoo! was co-founded and built by an immigrant welcomed to America and presented with the vast opportunities this country has to offer. A vigorous H-1B program can and does work side by side with our company's efforts to recruit talent in the United States and create jobs here every day.

Founded more than a decade ago as a directory of popular Internet web sites, Yahoo! continues to work on making the Internet an efficient, useful, safe and trusted place for users to find information, share in political and other discourse, engage in online commerce and much more.

This is an exciting time of growth and evolution for the Internet and I look forward to working with you and your fellow policymakers. Again, I congratulate you on your Chairmanship.

Sincerely,



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