

February 28, 2003

The Honorable Robert B. Zoellick
United States Trade Representative
600 17th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20508

Dear Ambassador Zoellick:

Pursuant to Section 2104 (e) of the Trade Act of 2002 and Section 135 (e) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, we are pleased to transmit the report of the Industry Functional Advisory Committee on Electronic Commerce (IFAC-4) on the U.S.-Singapore Free Trade Agreement, which reflects consensus on the proposed Agreement.

IFAC-4 applaud USTR's establishment of the concept of digital products in terms of trade in the Singapore Agreement. We appreciate that IFAC 4 negotiating objectives and concerns have helped shape the Agreement. We believe the e-commerce provisions of the Singapore Agreement should serve as the benchmark for future negotiations with the addition of the explicit provision on transborder data flows found in the Chile Agreement.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



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Chair
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