



THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
Washington, D.C. 20230

July 16, 2003

The Honorable Richard B. Cheney
President of the Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-0010

Dear Mr. President:

Enclosed is a draft bill entitled the "Department of Commerce 21st Century Innovation Act of 2003." This bill modifies and modernizes the organizational structure of the Department of Commerce to enhance the formulation of technology, electronic commerce, and telecommunications policy. Also enclosed are a statement of purpose and need, a sectional analysis, and a document showing the text of the statute as amended.

We have been advised by the Office of Management and Budget that there is no objection to the transmittal of this proposal to the Congress from the standpoint of the Administration's program.

If you should have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me or Brenda Becker, Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, at 482-3663.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald L. Eyans", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Donald L. Eyans

Enclosures

Identical Letters to be Sent to:

The Honorable Dennis Hastert
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-6501

The Honorable Bill Frist
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510-1601

The Honorable Tom DeLay
Majority Leader
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-6503

The Honorable Thomas Daschle
Minority Leader
United States Senate
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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Minority Leader
House of Representatives
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The Honorable John McCain
Chairman, Committee on Commerce,
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United States Senate
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The Honorable Ernest F. Hollings
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The Honorable W.J. "Billy" Tauzin
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The Honorable John D. Dingell
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The Honorable Sherwood Boehlert
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