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Mr. Timothy Mooney
Regulatory Trade Policy Division
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ATTN: Notice of Inquiry—CCL
Washington, DC 20230

Sent via email to tmooney@bis.doc.gov

Dear Mr. Mooney:

MIT appreciates the opportunity to provide input into the revisions to the Commerce Control List through the Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (F.R. 76664).

We enthusiastically support the efforts of the Department of Commerce to simplify the overall compliance process of complying with the policies governing export controls. Creating a single, positive, tiered list that reflects the military or intelligence value to the United States, as well as availability outside the United States, will help focus our energies on controlling the highest risk areas, while continuing cutting edge research on our campuses. As it is now, we are sometimes prevented in engaging in research projects where equipment or technologies are controlled in the US, but better technology is available outside the country. Any steps towards eliminating these kinds of issue will enable important fundamental research on our campus.

Thank you again for opportunity to comment. My staff and I would be happy to discuss this further at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

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