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The President of the United States
The White House
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Members of the United States Congress
United States Capitol
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Dear Mr. President and Members of Congress,

TIA and its over 500 information and communications technology member companies appreciate your hard work to reach agreement to raise the United States' debt limit ceiling and find ways to reduce the Federal Government budget deficit. As the U.S. Chamber of Commerce has noted, the prospect of the U.S. defaulting on its debt obligations could have very negative repercussions for the U.S. economy. We trust that, by continuing to work together, you will find a solution to the current impasse and avoid a default of the U.S. government's debt obligations and the potentially disastrous consequences that would entail.

In light of these ongoing negotiations, we want to take the opportunity to praise recent progress in Congress on an important issue that will positively affect consumers, our industry, and the U.S. economy, as well as increase government revenue. We support the proposals being discussed in Congress that would establish the authority for the Federal Communications Commission to conduct voluntary incentive auctions that could generate tens of billions of dollars in revenue for the U.S. Treasury, in addition to countless jobs created as a result. These auctions would make available underutilized radio frequency spectrum currently held by television broadcasters. The repurposing of a portion of this spectrum for wireless broadband use will prompt investment in our nation's digital infrastructure. This will generate economic opportunities through the new services and applications that will be possible by building out wireless broadband networks capable of both faster speeds and greater data capacity.

In closing, we strongly encourage you to include voluntary incentive auction authority, which has received bipartisan support, as part of the solution that emerges for addressing the debt ceiling while advancing the shared objective of reducing the national deficit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Grant E. Seiffert". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Grant Seiffert
President, TIA