

The Coalition for Security and Competitiveness

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American Chemistry Council
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General Aviation Manufacturing Association
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Space Enterprise Council
Space Foundation
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President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

The Coalition for Security and Competitiveness (CSC) applauds your decision to undertake a thorough review of the U.S. export control system and submits the enclosed set of recommendations for consideration as the interagency taskforce moves forward.

These recommendations are in addition to the set of principles the CSC submitted in October 2009 to your Administration. Taken together, our principles and recommendations would create a 21st century export control regime that protects critical technologies, safeguards our national security, spurs innovation, and promotes economic growth.

The Coalition, comprised of leading high-technology associations representing a broad cross-section of U.S. industry, was formed in 2007 to develop recommendations for improving the U.S. export control regime. We believe changes must be made to the current system to make sure it is aligned with our current security needs and the realities of the global technological environment, and – as a practical matter - operates in a more predictable, transparent, and efficient manner.

We look forward to working with your Administration as the review gets underway and appreciate the opportunity to provide the Coalition's perspective on this critical issue.

Sincerely,

The Coalition for Security and Competitiveness

Enclosure: Recommendations for a 21st Century Technology Control Regime

cc: The Honorable Hillary R. Clinton, Secretary of State
The Honorable Robert Gates, Secretary of Defense
The Honorable Gary Locke, Secretary of Commerce
General James Jones, National Security Advisor
The Honorable Lawrence Summers, Director, National Economic Council