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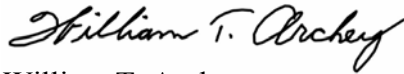**United States Information Technology Office**

August 2, 2006

Dear Mr. Secretary:

We are writing to express our concern over the "conventional arms catch-all" regulation for China that was proposed on July 6. As representatives of U.S. manufacturers, we support an effective export control system to protect U.S. national security. We also recognize the risks and opportunities that trade with China presents, but we believe this regulation is not clearly integrated into our China po
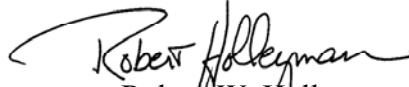
We recognize that China policy is complicated and multi-faceted, but we are concerned that U.S objectives towards China will not be sufficiently met and U.S. competitiveness will be negatively impacted by excessively broad, unilateral export controls.

We appreciate your consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely,
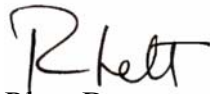
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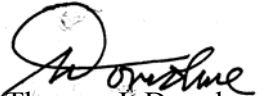President
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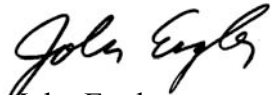President
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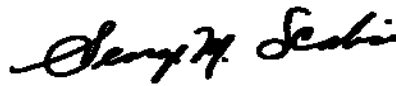President
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