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***Via Facsimile***

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-232 U.S. Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable John Boehner  
Republican Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-204 U.S. Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

*Re: H.R. 4088, the Secure America Through Verification and Enforcement Act (SAVE Act) of 2007*

We write to you regarding H.R. 4088, the Secure America Through Verification and Enforcement (SAVE) Act. We believe that this legislation focuses too narrowly on border security and enforcement related to illegal immigration, which are but part of the broader issue of immigration reform.

When this Congress has sought to address important and complex issues, it has taken an admirably comprehensive and balanced approach that we have praised. On issues ranging from patent reform to FISA reform, Congress's effort to achieve robust and comprehensive, yet balanced, solutions has been a model of legislative leadership.

Regrettably, this approach is not reflected in the enforcement-only nature of H.R. 4088. Enforcement is an important component of our immigration policy, but enforcement alone is not adequate to address the many and broad challenges that confront our immigration system today. In particular, H.R. 4088 would further burden U.S. companies by rushing to make mandatory the use of E-Verify, a currently voluntary employment authorization verification program based on government databases, without adequately addressing concerns over accuracy and the lack of an appeals process. Meanwhile, the crisis our companies face, as they are unable to hire the skilled workers they need due to the chronic shortage of visas, goes unaddressed.

Our current immigration system is broken, with serious problems that go beyond the issue of border security and illegal immigration. The H-1B and employment-based green card programs continue to be in dire need of reform. Ramping up enforcement without addressing the underlying problems will not repair an immigration system in crisis. While enforcement related to

illegal immigration is a necessary and important subject to address, it should not be dealt with in isolation.

Having assessed H.R. 4088 in light of what reforms are needed to the current immigration system, we have concluded that the focus on only one piece of the puzzle is unwise, and will make more difficult the more comprehensive reform required. We urge you to consider a broader approach that addresses other equally critical aspects of immigration, and also move forward with measures to address the visa shortage that prevents our industry from attracting and keeping the skilled foreign workers we need to maintain our global competitive edge.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E J Black". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "E" and "J" and a stylized "Black".

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