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The Honorable Dennis Hastert
Speaker of the House
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The Honorable William Frist
Senate Majority Leader
509 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mr. Hastert and Mr. Frist:

The General Electric Company applauds the signing today of the bilateral WTO agreement between the United States and Vietnam. Vietnam's accession to the WTO will be of immediate and long-term benefit to the General Electric Company and the overall American business community.

GE has been in Vietnam since 1991, first selling medical equipment under a humanitarian exemption to the US embargo, and evolving to a growing business today selling aircraft engines, power generation equipment, hydroelectric equipment, and other key products.

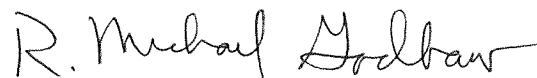
Vietnam's accession to WTO will mean its commitment to increased disciplines in the areas of intellectual property rights, dispute settlement, transparency, distribution rights, and services. These provisions will insure that our businesses in Vietnam have the same level playing field that they do in other WTO member countries. We will benefit from the dramatic reduction in Vietnam's tariffs, as well as the liberalization of its services market, particularly financial services. GE's increased ability to export to Vietnam will benefit workers in our plants around the United States, including Ohio, South Carolina, New York and Pennsylvania.

We urge the Congress to approve permanent normal trade relations for Vietnam, a vote that will finally complete the normalization of the relationship between the United States and Vietnam. Please let us know what we can do to support your efforts.

Sincerely,



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President, GE Southeast Asia



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