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The Honorable Patrick Leahy  
Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles Grassley  
Ranking Member  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
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Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Grassley:

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the world's largest business federation representing the interests of more than three million businesses of all sizes, sectors, and regions, as well as state and local chambers and industry associations, and dedicated to promoting, protecting, and defending America's free enterprise system, strongly supports the nomination of Mr. Danny Marti, Esq., for the position of U.S. Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator (IPEC) and urges the committee to report his nomination without delay.

As you well know, in 2008 Congress enacted the PRO-IP Act to better protect the intellectual property (IP) rights of inventors and creators while ensuring the products consumers use are authentic, safe, and effective. The PRO-IP Act recognized that more effective IP enforcement requires additional resources, better laws, and high-level leadership to implement a strategic and well-coordinated approach across federal government agencies.

The IPEC office has been without such leadership for more than a year, and it is imperative that this position is filled without delay to help fulfill the promise of the PRO-IP Act. The Chamber believes that Mr. Marti is a highly-qualified nominee who would be a strong advocate for intellectual property rights.

Sincerely,



R. Bruce Josten

cc: Members of the Committee on the Judiciary