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The Honorable Howard Berman
Chairman
Committee on Foreign Affairs
U.S. House of Representatives
2170 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing to express Lockheed Martin's support for H.R. 2410, the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011.

In particular, we appreciate the committee's focus on modernizing export controls in Title VIII generally, and specifically with respect to commercial satellites in Section 826.

Lockheed Martin supports rigorous and meaningful export controls to effectively safeguard our nation's most vital technologies and maintain America's global technological edge. Yet the world is a far different place today than when the current US regime was first conceived: Technologies that were once deemed militarily sensitive are now used routinely in commercial applications; the US is no longer the sole source globally for many of today's most advanced technologies; and the security challenges we face are also radically different. Against this backdrop, we believe the US must rationalize its approach to which goods, services and technologies are controlled, and must adopt a framework flexible enough to allow for timely changes as circumstances evolve. We also believe that the State Department's burgeoning caseload is such that reform must consist of more than adding additional headcount to process licenses faster. It is in our national security interest to adopt new caseload management techniques, particularly when it comes to licensing to support technology exchanges with our closest allies. We believe Title VIII of H.R. 2410 represents a useful first step toward such modernization.

We especially appreciate the committee's decision to revisit satellite export controls, as reflected in Section 826. By authorizing the President to determine appropriate licensing jurisdiction for commercial satellites and related technologies, this provision would allow US export control policy to adapt to the dramatic technological and competitive changes that this industry has experienced over the last decade. In so doing, this measure would help strengthen US industry's global competitive position, safeguarding American jobs and leading edge space technologies.

Lockheed Martin appreciates your leadership in advancing this important legislation, and stands ready to work with you to ensure that US export control policies effectively promote US national security and economic competitiveness priorities.

Thank you, Sir!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg R. Dahlberg", with a long, sweeping tail extending to the right.

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