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The Honorable Kevin J. Wolf
Assistant Secretary for Export Administration
Bureau of Industry and Security, Room 3886
U.S. Department of Commerce
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Mr. Wolf:

I am writing to request the support of the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) Office of Technology Evaluation (OTE) in the initiation of a survey and assessment of the United States (U.S.) Printed Circuit Board (PrCB) industrial base. The principal goal of this joint effort would be to gain a better understanding of the supply chain network supporting the development and production of PrCBs.

The Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division (NSWC Crane) is the DoD Executive Agent (EA) for PrCB technology and provides acquisition engineering, in-service engineering and technical support for sensors, electronics, electronic warfare and special warfare weapons. Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division (NSWC Crane) also works to apply component and system-level product and industrial engineering to surface sensors, strategic systems, special warfare devices and electronic warfare/information operations systems.

NSWC Crane is familiar with OTE's comprehensive assessment of Counterfeit Electronics conducted for the Naval Air Systems Command Patuxent River in 2010. By combining NSWC Crane's technical capabilities with OTE's survey expertise, we will be able to assess the health and competitiveness of this critical sector and supply chain, leverage industry best practices where applicable, and coordinate development and communication of issues across the DoD community.

For the purpose of conducting the PrCB survey and related analysis, NSWC Crane is prepared to enter into an interagency agreement with BIS as well as provide necessary funding and technical support as needed. If you have any questions, please contact Craig Herndon, Director - Critical Technology Innovation Center, at 812-854-5664 or craig.herndon@navy.mil.

I appreciate your consideration of this request and look forward to the opportunity to work with OTE on this important effort.

Sincerely,

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