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Douglas M. Bell
Chair, Trade Policy Staff Committee
Office of the United States Trade Representative
Washington, DC 20508

Re: Request to Testify on Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership
78 Fed. Reg. 19566 (April 1, 2013)
Docket: USTR-2013-0019

To the Trade Policy Staff Committee:

BSA | The Software Alliance¹ hereby requests an opportunity to testify at the May 29-30 hearing on the proposed Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) agreement. By separate letter, BSA has submitted comments to the Trade Policy Staff Committee detailing our members' initial views on priorities for the TTIP.

Representing BSA at the hearing will be:

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BSA's testimony will highlight the key priorities of our members for the negotiations as detailed in the comments we submitted today by separate letter. These include the need for

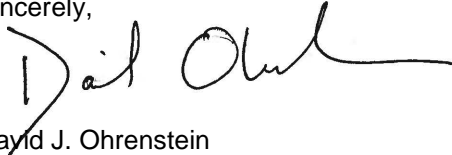
¹BSA | The Software Alliance (www.bsa.org) is the leading global advocate for the software industry. It is an association of world-class companies that invest billions of dollars annually to create software solutions that spark the economy and improve modern life. Through international government relations, intellectual property enforcement and educational activities, BSA expands the horizons of the digital world and builds trust and confidence in the new technologies driving it forward.

BSA's members include: Adobe, Apple, Autodesk, Bentley Systems, CA Technologies, CNC/Mastercam, Dell, IBM, Intel, Intuit, McAfee, Microsoft, Minitab, Oracle, Progress Software, PTC, Rosetta Stone, Siemens PLM, Symantec, TechSmith, and The MathWorks.

the TTIP to address the following issues: (i) e-commerce and cross-border data flows; (ii) services; (iii) forced localization; (iv) intellectual property; (v) government procurement; (vi) state-owned enterprises; (vii) standards and technical regulations; and (viii) mobility of skilled labor.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide our views on the TTIP negotiations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Ohrenstein". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

David J. Ohrenstein
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