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TO: Jennifer Garner, Associate Director, ITI Standards Programs

Subject: Contribution requesting an attendance "waiver" for voting members of the previous organization

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The Electronic Industries Alliance will not be in attendance at the inaugural meeting of the Executive Board of the new INCITS organization. Due to prior commitments, neither I nor the two alternates are available. I understand it is important to attend all meetings, but at the same time understood that there would be no attendance requirements to retain voting privileges. Now I have been informed that if one does not attend the inaugural meeting, then one has to go through the "probation" process to have the privilege of voting.

I see the establishment of voting membership requires attendance as detailed in Section 4.2.3.1.1 of the proposed procedures.

It states:

"A representative of a prospective voting member shall initially attend a meeting without voting privileges and reaffirm interest in the work of INCITS. Voting privileges become effective immediately with attendance at one of the next two successive meetings and upon receipt by the Secretariat of applicable fees for the membership year.

Failure to attend one of those two successive meetings constitutes withdrawal of the application for voting membership."

I have supported the creation of the new combined organization, but EIA primary interest is presently focused on the JTC1 TAG area. I do not believe that our existing voting status in the TAG prior to this inaugural meeting was in jeopardy, and therefore ask that voting privileges for those in good standing prior to the establishment of the new organization be grandfathered into the new so that when I do attend the next subsequent meeting, I have voting privileges and do not have to be subjected to the above process. Section 4.2.3.1.1 pertains to a

prospective voting member and I do not consider EIA as such, but instead as an ongoing participant in the activities.

I therefore respectfully request, even though not present at the inaugural meeting, EIA be granted a "waiver" to retain voting membership on the Executive Board of the new INCITS organization and not be subjected to the strict interpretation of the rules. I further request that this action also apply to any other organizations that may be in a similar situation.

Thank you for your consideration and understanding in this matter, and I look forward to active EIA participation in the future.

Respectfully,

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