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LEGISLATION FOR PERMANENT R&D CREDIT INTRODUCED INTO CONGRESS TODAY WILL ASSIST U.S. COMPANIES

BANNOCKBURN, III., USA, MARCH 9, 2011 — A long-time and active proponent of permanent research and development (R&D) tax credit legislation, IPC — Association Connecting Electronics Industries® applauds the introduction of H.R. 942, “*The American Research and Competitiveness Act of 2011*” a bipartisan bill to strengthen and make permanent the R&D tax credit. R&D is vital for U.S. electronics companies to be globally competitive and retain U.S. jobs. IPC members are encouraged to contact their legislators to endorse passage of permanent R&D tax credit legislation.

The frequent expiration of the R&D tax credit prevents the tax credit from effectively stimulating needed long-term R&D investments. The R&D tax credit most recently expired for nearly twelve months in 2009 — the fourteenth time that Congress has allowed the R&D tax credit to lapse. Many countries have more generous R&D tax credits, encouraging long-term R&D investment that provides a competitive advantage for companies in those countries.

A permanent R&D tax credit is imperative to encourage long-term innovative efforts and investments on U.S. soil and for the U.S. electronics industry to remain globally competitive and retain jobs.

“A permanent R&D tax credit is important for my company and the U.S. electronics industry,” says Peter Bigelow, president and CEO, IMI Inc. “A permanent R&D tax credit will

help my company grow new business, diversify product lines and develop new processes and products.”

The pace of technological advancements in the electronics industry is continuous and R&D is essential for companies to produce state-of-the-art electronic products. Without a permanent R&D tax credit, the ability of U.S. electronics companies to compete globally is considerably weakened.

"It is vital for Congress to enact permanent R&D tax credit legislation," explains Robert Toppel, president of Axiom Electronics, LLC. "If the R&D tax credit were made permanent, my company and other U.S. businesses would be able to make long-term investments in R&D activities knowing that we would be eligible to claim tax credits."

For more information on "*The American Research and Competitiveness Act of 2011*," or to download a sample letter to personalize and send to members of Congress, visit www.ipc.org/R&D-tax-credit-take-action or contact Ron Chamrin, IPC manager of government relations, at ronchamrin@ipc.org or +1 703-522-3964.

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