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STATEMENT FOR THE RECORD

Hearing before the House Committee on the Judiciary
Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship

“Policy Changes and Processing Delays at U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services”

The United States Chamber of Commerce and the Information Technology Industry Council (ITI) issue the following statement for the record for today’s hearing before the House Judiciary Committee’s Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.

Our respective organizations represent businesses of all sizes across a host of industries that want to ensure the U.S. legal immigration system functions in a manner that helps maximize economic growth and domestic job creation. Many policy changes that have been instituted by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) in the past few years, some of which were implemented without any feedback from the regulated community, have caused significant disruptions to the operations of American companies.

The problems that companies have faced due to these administrative policy changes include the inability to meet contractual deadlines, having to refuse to take on new clients, and forcing companies to move their valued, long-time employees out of the country in cases where visa petitions were unexpectedly denied. The increased uncertainty these changes have caused has a markedly negative impact on the ability of many employers to meet their workforce needs, which will hamper their future efforts to expand their U.S. operations and create jobs for Americans.