

1 **COMMITTEE: COMMUNICATIONS, FINANCIAL**  
2 **SERVICES & INTERSTATE COMMERCE**

3 **POLICY: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING**  
4 **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (IP) RIGHTS**  
5 **AND PROTECTIONS TO PROMOTE**  
6 **PRODUCTIVITY, COMPETITIVENESS,**  
7 **JOBS, AND PUBLIC HEALTH**

8 **TYPE OF POLICY: RESOLUTION - DRAFT**

9 WHEREAS, Intellectual property (IP) rights and innovation are primary drivers of  
10 job creation and America's economic growth.

11 WHEREAS, over 55 million jobs are directly and indirectly supported by IP-  
12 intensive industries as a significant driver of GDP, exports, and wages in every  
13 state of the Union.

14 WHEREAS, IP-intensive industries are responsible for \$5.8 trillion in private  
15 sector output (GDP).

16 WHEREAS, in a 2012 economic study by the U.S. Department of Commerce that  
17 ties employment and value-added numbers to IP-intensive industries, IP-  
18 intensive industries pay workers 42% higher wages than those of non IP-  
19 intensive industries.

20 WHEREAS, IP-intensive industries drive American exports accounting for  
21 approximately \$1 trillion (74% of total U.S. exports in 2011)

22 WHEREAS, given the important role that IP plays in sustaining a long-term  
23 economic growth, policymakers should give high priority to fostering innovation  
24 and protecting intellectual property; and

25 WHEREAS, protecting and enforcing the IP rights of businesses are critical to  
26 advancing global economic recovery, driving competitiveness and export growth,  
27 and creating high-quality jobs; and

28 WHEREAS, the National Conference of State Legislatures believes that  
29 widespread efforts to promote innovation and intellectual property protection are  
30 critical to improving the nation's long-term competitiveness in a global market,  
31 and to achieving certain socioeconomic improvements in the quality of American  
32 life; and

33 NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the National Conference of  
34 State Legislatures calls upon all levels of governments to work cooperatively with  
35 the private sector, nonprofits, and academia to create, develop and implement  
36 robust pro-IP awareness and enforcement; and

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the National Conference of State Legislatures  
38 supports efforts to ensure the IPEC has sufficient staff, budget, and authority to  
39 fulfill the obligations and achieve the goals outlined in the PRO-IP Act and the  
40 National IP Strategy; and

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the National Conference of State Legislatures  
42 support robust IP protection and enforcement provisions in trade agreements and  
43 their implementation (specifically the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPP)/  
44 KORUS); and

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the National Conference of State  
46 Legislatures supports existing efforts to shut down the top illegal rogue websites  
47 globally that are willfully selling counterfeit goods and facilitating digital theft; and

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, a copy of this resolution be sent to the  
49 President of the United States and all members of the 112th Congress.