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Dear Senators Tillis and Coons,

Nokia is a multinational telecommunications and information technology company founded in 1865. Our products and services focus on telecommunications infrastructure, including fixed and mobile networks, IP routing, optical networks, private networks, data centers and 5G solutions. We have played and continue to play a significant role in the development of wireless communication and other technology standards used around the world.

Nokia has a significant presence in the United States and is a key contributor to economic growth and vitality here. Nokia has approximately 7,500 U.S.-based employees across 17 U.S. office locations and two data centers. More than 40,000 indirect jobs have been created through Nokia's supplier ecosystem, and we have invested more than \$374 million into U.S. startups via our venture capital arm, NGP. Notably, Nokia also is the first manufacturer to commit to and produce Build America/Buy America-compliant products for the U.S. Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program.

Nokia solutions are essential to the security of U.S. critical infrastructure. Nokia is leveraging 5G, IP, IoT, and new data center technologies to improve agility, resiliency, and situational awareness for the U.S. Department of Defense and other federal mission-critical networks aligned with a defense-in-depth approach to network security.

Nokia has four U.S.-based Research & Development (R&D) Innovation Centers including Nokia Bell Labs Murray Hill, Dallas, Naperville and Sunnyvale-Almanor, where its scientists, engineers, partners, and customers build and test communications solutions. We have invested about 150 billion euros in R&D since 2000, which has helped us develop one of the largest, most diverse, and most valuable patent portfolios in the world. We hold over 20,000 patent families, with more than 7,000 declared as essential to the 5G communication standard, and revenue



derived from licensing our inventions is crucial to our business model and our ability to continue developing the next generations of mobile technologies.

I write today to reaffirm that Nokia is supportive of the proposed Patent Eligibility Restoration Act that you have recently reintroduced in the Senate. We believe it will grow U.S. investment, create jobs, and save lives by promoting innovation in fields like medical diagnostics, artificial intelligence, and other critical and emerging technologies. It will allow the U.S. to compete with other countries where these innovations are already patent-eligible. It will return patent eligibility standards to sensibly providing a “coarse filter” that eliminates from patentability only a few specific and well-understood categories of subject matter. Then the patent office can focus on whether a purported invention is novel, nonobvious and sufficiently definite as required by Sections 102, 103 and 112 of the Patent Act.

We also reiterate our support for the recently reintroduced PREVAIL Act. It will strengthen the innovation economy and create jobs by ensuring fairness for inventors facing challenges to their patents before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) by companies that abuse the system. Nokia has been before the PTAB as both a patent holder and petitioner. We feel on balance that the changes proposed to PTAB procedures by the bill are sensible and warranted, particularly as they would bring IPR proceedings back to their original intended purpose of providing a cost-effective alternative to district court patent invalidation proceedings (rather than allowing duplicative proceedings putting undue burdens on patent holders and giving patent challengers a “second bite at the apple”).

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jan J. J. J.", is positioned below the text "Best regards,".