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The Honorable Dennis Hastert  
Speaker of the House  
U.S. House of Representatives  
235 Cannon House Office Building  
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Dear Mr. Speaker:

Verizon is writing to express our strong support for HR 4520, the "American Jobs Creation Act of 2004." We believe this legislation will promote strong economic growth and job creation in the U.S., and will bring us into compliance with our international obligations.

We urge the House to pass HR 4520 immediately and proceed to conference with the Senate as soon as possible. Retaliatory tariffs on 44 categories of U.S. exports imposed by the European Community will increase to 9 percent on July 1, further harming our exports to Europe at a time when the U.S. economy and the global economy is just beginning to rebound. Removal of those tariffs and enactment of the fair and balanced provisions in HR 4520 will meet our international obligations and also result in increased investment and job creation in the United States.

Thank you for your leadership and support of this job-creating bill. We at Verizon look forward to working with you to pass this legislation in the coming days.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Davidson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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