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To: Rory O'Neil, WHIN

We are writing to update you on the International Campaign for Responsible Technology (ICRT) and to invite you to participate on the ICRT Advisory Board because we admire your important work.

The ICRT is an international network of environmental, worker safety and health, economic development and community organizations and activists who have come together to promote broader grassroots participation in the design and development of new technologies. An outgrowth of the Silicon Valley Toxics Coalition -- a 15 year old local NGO based in San Jose, California -- ICRT promotes sustainability and accountability -- from global corporations as well as from governments.

The high-tech electronics industry is rapidly growing and increasingly dominant throughout the world, with over 100 new facilities -- each costing between \$1.4-\$4 billion dollars -- under construction.. With globalism, the business model of transnational corporations is built on unsustainable short-term thinking, rapid obsolescence, and unrealistic short-term profit margins.

New international corporate initiatives such as North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Summits (APEC), and the Multilateral Agreement on Investments (MAI) is bringing increased downward pressures on wages and working conditions, is weakening environmental standards and is allowing greater exploitation of natural and human resources.

Because the industry is expanding at such an exponential rate, we believe we must increase communication and action among grassroots activists. Transnationalism is not the sole preserve of capital. The globalization of the electronics industry requires a coordinated international strategy that can alert people to combat the unique problems that high-tech manufacturing brings to each country.

The exemplary work of your organization and your role have made us realize we need your participation. We are writing to ask if you will serve as a member of the advisory board for the International Campaign for Responsible Technology. As a member of the advisory board, we ask that: 1) you share your information and wisdom about electronics development in your country; 2) provide comments on our publications and our website at www.svtc.org/icrt.htm; 3) help develop and share strategies to deal with the high-tech development in your country; and 4) share this information with your friends and allies. A list of current ICRT Advisory Board members is attached to this letter.

Last year, the ICRT participated in the European Work Hazards Conference, and hosted activists from Costa Rica who were developing strategies on how to deal with Intel, which was building a new facility. This year we visited semiconductor workers who are organizing in Scotland's Silicon Glen, and attended conferences about community right to know in Denmark; electronic product/producer responsibility in Belgium; and the No to APEC meeting in Vancouver. We also hosted visitors from Northern Africa, China, Japan, Scotland, Spain and Chile.

To join our advisory board, please fill out the enclosed card and mail it or fax it back to us at 408-287-6771, or email to svtc@igc.org. We look forward to hearing from you and working with you soon.

Sincerely,



Ted Smith, Coordinator



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