**SECURE E-WASTE EXPORT AND RECYCLING ACT (SEERA)**

**SAMPLE LETTER OF SUPPORT**

**[YOUR LETTERHEAD]**

July \_\_, 2016

The Honorable [NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE]

ADDRESS

Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Rep. [NAME]:

As an [EMPLOYER or CONSTITUENT] in your district, I write today urging you to support the Secure E-waste Export and Recycling Act (SEERA, HR 5579) that promotes homeland security and military preparedness through responsible domestic recycling of electronic waste (e-waste).

As a [INTEGRATOR, SUPPLIER, ETC.] of electronic components to the [LIST INDUSTRIES], I understand the pervasive nature of these counterfeit parts that are flooding supply chains. HR 5579 is needed because e-waste exports are closely linked to counterfeit microchips from China. Counterfeiters pull used components from our discarded technology, then use harsh processes to reprocess them so they look brand new.

Counterfeits are difficult to detect, yet they are prone to failure and threaten the reliability of technologies ranging from defense and critical infrastructure to healthcare and consumer products. For instance, an investigation by the Senate Armed Services Committee found 1,800 cases of suspected counterfeit electronic components in military hardware such as missile systems, aircraft, night-vision equipment and more.

SEERA will combat electronics counterfeiters by substantially reducing the supply of materials they use as raw materials – untested, non-working e-waste exported from the United States. The legislation is currently before the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade, chaired by Rep. Ted Poe (R-TX). I strongly encourage you to support a hearing on this important legislation.

Thank you for your consideration. I would welcome an opportunity to discuss this important issue.

Sincerely,

NAME

TITLE

CITY/STATE