

# The Congressional International Anti-Piracy Caucus

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## ***ECONOMIC IMPACT OF GLOBAL PIRACY STUDY RELEASED***

*10-Point Decrease in Global Piracy Rate Over Four Years Could  
Generate 2.4 Million Jobs and Add \$400 Billion to Economies*

Dear Colleague:

As co-chairs of the **Congressional International Anti-Piracy Caucus**, we would like to bring to your attention a new economic impact study indicating that increased copyright protection for software could help jumpstart economies across the world by creating new jobs and business opportunities that would generate billions of dollars in new spending and tax revenues.

Globally, more than one third of software programs are pirated. The study, entitled "Expanding the Frontiers of our Digital Future: Reducing Software Piracy to Accelerate Global IT Benefits," put out today by the Business Software Alliance (BSA) and the global research firm IDC shows that reducing that rate 10 percentage points over four years could add 2.4 million jobs, increase economic growth by \$400 billion, and generate \$6.7 billion in new tax revenue to help governments fund public programs like education, health care, and law enforcement.

According to the analysis, when nations around the world take steps to reduce software piracy within their borders, workers will have new job opportunities, consumers will have more choices, entrepreneurs are rewarded for their creativity and governments benefit from increased tax revenues. In addition to outlining these specific economic gains, the report also lays out recommendations for policymakers on how best to promote intellectual property protections.

As Members of the House and Senate with a strong interest in protecting American intellectual property and reducing the scourge of piracy abroad, we commend the completion of this important study and will continue working with our international trade partners to secure the enactment of strong copyright laws and the vigilant enforcement of those laws.

A complete copy of the 2005 global piracy economic impact study can be found at [www.bsa.org/idcstudy](http://www.bsa.org/idcstudy).

Sincerely,

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