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The Honorable Marco Rubio
United States Senator
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The Honorable Amy Klobuchar
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Senators Rubio and Klobuchar:

Samsung Electronics America, Inc. has long been committed to hiring veterans transitioning to life back home, which is why we strongly support your bill and urge passage of the Supporting Veterans in STEM Careers Act (S. 153). Stated simply, your legislation helps ensure that our veterans have the skills they need to secure 21st Century high-tech jobs at the same time it encourages employers like Samsung to tap the potential of this talented pool of workers.

At Samsung we believe transitioning service members bring unique skills to the workplace. As a company of Korean heritage, Samsung has always recognized that the U.S. military, veterans and their families are integral to our shared success. From the service of millions of U.S. soldiers during the Korean War, to their ongoing efforts to protect the values and today's way of life. This is why, last year we became the founding sponsor of Heroes Make America with the National Manufacturing Institute, the workforce and education arm of the National Association of Manufacturers, to train those transitioning from military service for high-skilled manufacturing jobs. And for more than 20 years, Samsung has partnered with the American Legion to provide college scholarships to the descendants of Korean War and other war veterans. Samsung also partners with the Fisher House Foundation to build new facilities and provide technology solutions to help military families experience the comfort of home during medical treatment.

Notwithstanding our efforts to hire veterans, certain obstacles remain for these brave men and women as they transition to the civilian world. That is why your legislation is so important. By empowering the U.S. government to identify and eliminate barriers that veterans face when looking for high-tech positions, your legislation will encourage our veterans to seek out and secure well-paying STEM jobs. And employers in telecommunications and other high-tech fields will be better able to meet hiring needs. In short, your bill is a win-win for both employers and transitioning servicemembers.

At Samsung, we are excited about providing our nation's veterans a clear path to employment using the skills they've learned in the service to our country. We urge passage of your legislation, which will help us do just that. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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