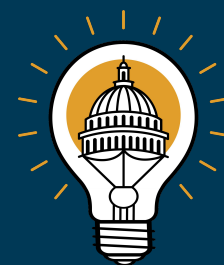


# Congressional Inventions Project Newsletter



Celebrating Innovation, Inventors, and Intellectual Property on Capitol Hill

## DEAR COLLEAGUE LETTER INVITES MEMBERS TO JOIN THE INVENTIONS CAUCUS

A **Dear Colleague letter** is circulated on Capitol Hill inviting Members of Congress to join the bipartisan, bicameral **Congressional Inventions Caucus**.

Led by **Senators Steve Daines and Chris Coons and Representatives Kevin Kiley and Deborah Ross**, the Caucus serves as a forum to highlight American inventors, explore the innovation ecosystem, and examine the role of intellectual property in driving U.S. economic growth.

The letter emphasizes the importance of innovation to the American economy and outlines plans for upcoming events and briefings. Members and staff interested in joining or learning more can find full contact information in the letter.

 [Read the full letter here](#)

## REP. KEVIN KILEY RECOGNIZES WORLD IP DAY

To mark **World IP Day**, Rep. Kevin Kiley highlighted the launch of the new bipartisan Congressional Inventions Caucus. His full statement in the **Congressional Record** follows:

“Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate World Intellectual Property Day and the launch of the Congressional Inventions Caucus.

This newly formed bipartisan caucus will promote education, collaboration, and legislative action on intellectual property issues in Congress. I would like to thank Rep. Deborah Ross for co-leading this effort with me in the House, as well as Senators Steve Daines and Chris Coons in the Senate.

Copyrights, patents, trademarks, and trade secrets are essential to America’s innovation economy. They are the foundation of our industrial strength, standard of living, and both our economic and national security.”

 [Read the full statement here](#)

## NEW U.S. CHAMBER REPORT REVEALS IP BOOSTS U.S. ECONOMY, DRIVES JOB GROWTH

A new U.S. Chamber of Commerce study, *From Innovation to Employment: IP’s Role in Job Growth*, reveals the vital role of intellectual property (IP) in driving America’s economy and workforce. IP-intensive industries create high-paying jobs, boost local economies, and fuel innovation nationwide.

“Intellectual property is the backbone of our economy, driving innovation that benefits consumers, raises living standards, and creates millions of high-quality jobs,” said Tom Quaadman, Senior Vice President of Economic Policy at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

### Key Findings:

- **Economic Impact:** In 2024, IP supported over \$5 trillion in economic activity, creating jobs in every state. Washington (\$63,000 IP per job), North Carolina (\$25,600), and Utah (\$19,600) led the way.
- **R&D Investment:** U.S. R&D spending hit \$799 billion in 2024. New Mexico (7.7% of GDP), North Carolina (3.1%), and Virginia (2.1%) showed strong investment.
- **Higher Wages:** IP jobs offer an average wage premium of \$18,483, with Maryland (\$26,000), Virginia (\$24,456), and Texas (\$24,322) leading.
- **Global Exports:** IP-related exports reached \$140.36 billion, led by Texas (\$32.5 billion), Louisiana (\$7 billion), and Florida (\$5 billion).

 [Read the full report here](#)

## WORLD IP DAY RECEPTION

This year we celebrated a special **World Intellectual Property Day** by launching the **Congressional Inventions Project (CIP)** and the **Congressional Inventions Caucus (CIC)**.

The event was a full-day affair, with inventors from around the country walking the halls of Congress, telling their stories, sharing the hurdles they had to clear in order to get their products to market, and—most importantly—highlighting the **importance of Intellectual Property** in their path to success.

The day culminated in an **inventor expo** with more than **80 attendees** and speeches from **Congresswoman Deborah Ross (Caucus Co-chair)** and **Congressman Bill Foster**.

 [See photos and more from the reception](#)