



July 20th, 2022

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
U.S. Senate
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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Kevin McConnell
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Congressional Leaders:

We write you today as the Ohio Metro Chambers Coalition, which is comprised of the Ohio Chamber plus Ohio’s eight metropolitan chambers of commerce/regional economic development organizations. Together, we represent over 35,000 businesses who employ more than 3.1 million Ohioans. The purpose of this letter is to reiterate our strong support for congressional action to address the global semiconductor shortage through passing a bipartisan bill to fund the CHIPS Act.

Ohio is positioned well for growth and investment by having a strong business climate, skilled workforce, and ideal geographic location. As you know, Ohio was recently chosen by Intel Corp. to be the location of its new \$20 billion semiconductor manufacturing plant that would employ over 3,000 people – which would only be the beginning of their planned investments for our state. Because of this, Ohio has the unique opportunity to directly benefit from the CHIPS Act in respect to its impact on Intel’s ability to move forward with this transformational project.

Unfortunately, Intel’s groundbreaking ceremony in Ohio was postponed due to uncertainty around whether Congress will pass a bill to fund the CHIPS Act. While negotiations are ongoing within the Conference Committee Meeting on Bipartisan Innovation and Competition Legislation, we strongly urge lawmakers to recognize how critically important it is for Ohio and our nation that Congress take bipartisan action to provide funding for the CHIPS Act. Intel has been clear about how dependent their project in Ohio is on this funding and has publicly detailed various opportunities abroad should Congress fail to act. This is a prime example of why passing legislation to fund the CHIPS Act is directly linked to efforts to restore U.S. semiconductor manufacturing leadership and build a more resilient and robust semiconductor supply chain.

This generational investment has already begun to reinvigorate Ohio’s economy and generate industry growth across multiple sectors. By enacting legislation to invest in America’s semiconductor industry, you can take a bold step toward fostering long-term economic prosperity for both our state and nation. Because of this, we strongly urge you to reach a bipartisan solution this summer and greatly appreciate your consideration of this critically important issue.

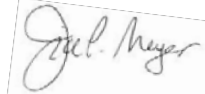
Sincerely,




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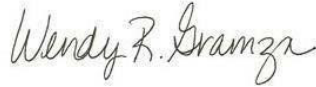
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