

United States Congress

WASHINGTON, DC

November 14, 2023

The Honorable Gina Raimondo
U.S. Department of Commerce
Attn: CHIPS Program Office
1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20230

RE: Funding Opportunity Number 2023-NIST-CHIPS-CFF-01

Dear Secretary Raimondo:

As members of Ohio's Congressional delegation, we write regarding Intel's application for funding to support its Ohio project and respectfully request your full and fair review of the application without undue delay.

You have frequently stated that one of your primary objectives for CHIPS funding is to ensure "the U.S. will have at least two new large-scale clusters of leading-edge logic fabs." We believe that no project better represents this goal than Intel's efforts in Ohio, where Intel is building its first greenfield manufacturing site in the United States in over 40 years. The result is the largest capital investment in Ohio history, and it is also the Midwest's largest announced CHIPS and Science Act project.

This transformative investment is critical to securing our nation's economic and national security. The initial \$20 billion project will result in two new leading-edge semiconductor fabs. In the near term, the facilities now under construction will bring at least 7,000 long-term construction and 3,000 permanent jobs to Ohio, providing stable and high-paying jobs to Ohioans for generations to come. Intel has indicated that total investment in the site could grow to as much as \$100 billion over the next decade, making it one of the world's largest semiconductor manufacturing sites.

The investment will also significantly increase the presence of semiconductor manufacturing suppliers in the region, adding geographical diversity to our nation's semiconductor industry. We understand that a completely new semiconductor ecosystem is necessary to provide support for Intel's operations – from semiconductor equipment and materials suppliers to a range of service providers – and even at this nascent stage of the project, we are told that the number of suppliers has doubled from 150 to more than 300.

The benefits to our state and constituents extend well beyond Intel's direct investment. A new, dynamic semiconductor ecosystem in Ohio would help address a long-running missed opportunity; Ohio and the rest of the Midwest educate thousands of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics graduates each year who then leave our states for jobs elsewhere. By establishing a strong semiconductor ecosystem, we can diversify both the national

semiconductor industry and strengthen our local economies while providing jobs to graduates whose only reason for leaving is not having a job available nearby.

In addition, to help develop and attract a pipeline of skilled talent, we understand that Intel is investing approximately \$100 million in workforce development over the next decade. This investment, in partnership with Ohio universities and community colleges and the National Science Foundation, will ensure that Ohio can swiftly build the skilled workforce necessary to meet the challenges of the future. Together, these institutions are now working to develop shareable curricula and learning materials and establish an integrated system of transferable credits and credentials that will reduce barriers to entry and offer opportunities to all Ohioans.

We understand that Intel remains the sole American company capable of producing the advanced chips necessary for today's cutting-edge technologies. Further, we believe that this project embodies what Congress and this Administration had in mind when we passed and the President signed the CHIPS and Science Act into law. We believe that Intel's investment in Ohio will boost the manufacturing of leading edge and advanced semiconductors in the United States and change the lives of Ohioans for decades to come.

We request your full and fair consideration to Intel's application for CHIPS funding. We believe that supporting these efforts in Ohio will help secure our nation's leadership in the semiconductor industry and recapture global manufacturing share in the United States.

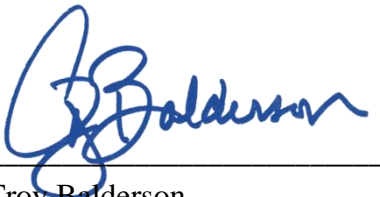
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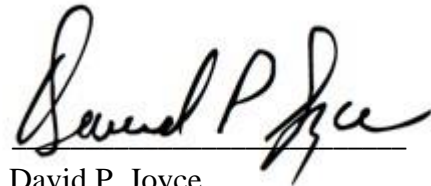
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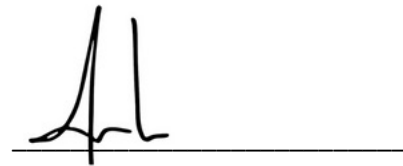
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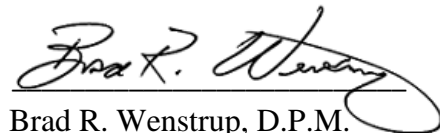
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