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U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Ave NW
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Secretary Raimondo:

First, we want to thank you and the Biden Administration for your leadership and steadfast support, investing federal funds that will strengthen and grow the semiconductor industry in the United States and restore our country's position as a global leader.

The organizations listed below represent a group of business leaders, chambers of commerce, and economic development organizations from across New York State. We write to you at a critical time, as the chip shortage and supply chain issues continue to impact Americans across the country, while Congress works to conference the United States Innovation and Competition Act (USICA) and the America Creating Opportunities for Manufacturing, Pre-Eminence in Technology, and Economic Strength Act (America COMPETES). With Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer's recent announcement that the Senate will amend and return the House bill as early as this week, we are optimistic that real progress is being made. It is critical that government, public, and private partners are prepared to move forward quickly when Congress delivers a final bill and President Biden signs it into law.

New York is ready to meet this moment and hit the ground running on day one. With our combination of affordable/reliable infrastructure, a strong and diverse workforce, an established semiconductor ecosystem, dedicated funding to continue building shovel-ready sites, and world class academic institutions, we firmly believe that New York State is the best location for the research and development hub of the National Semiconductor Technology Center (NSTC).

For years, the economic development ecosystem; government, academia, workforce, and industry have partnered together to develop a thriving high-tech ecosystem in New York. As you have said, the legislation before Congress is critical to avoiding future supply issues. We are home to more than 88 semiconductor establishments and our electronics industry has a \$3.5 billion annual wage impact, directly supporting 34,000 industry jobs. There has been a significant 10-year rise in manufacturing jobs and overall interest in the field. Our advancement of the semiconductor industry has also created thousands of construction jobs and an ecosystem of skilled workers prepared to build out the state of art facilities necessary for this industry to continue growing. To continue showcasing our unique semiconductor capabilities, New York founded the American Semiconductor Innovation Coalition (ASIC), composed of representatives from more than 55 organizations from 19 states.

New York's businesses are also committed to improving and providing employment opportunities for diverse groups of workers. If the NSTC were based in New York, the strategic partnerships we have with the state workforce ecosystem and our world class academic institutions will ultimately diversify the field of the semiconductor and manufacturing industry. New York is uniquely positioned to back the country's visions for the manufacturing industry, as we already have experience growth in semiconductor research, established businesses, and the strategic partnerships to build from.

We are excited to continue helping lead the nation in the evolution and reshoring of the semiconductor industry and further support the strengthening of supply chains and the economy for years to come. We look forward to working with you on this crucial initiative.

