

February 22, 2023

Co-Chair Sollman
Co-Chair Bynum
Co-Vice Chair Knopp
Co-Vice Chair Wallan
Joint Committee on Semiconductors
State of Oregon, State Capitol
900 Court Street NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Co-Chair Sollman, Co-Chair Bynum, Co-Vice Chair Knopp, Co-Vice Chair Wallan, and Members of the Joint Committee on Semiconductors;

We, the undersigned, enthusiastically support the recommendations of the Semiconductor Competitiveness Taskforce and deeply appreciate the effort of your Committee to move quickly to ensure that Oregon is competitive in attracting businesses seeking to secure federal CHIPS Act funding. The pillars of those recommendations; (1) Tax and direct incentives; (2) workforce and higher education investments; and (3) increasing the supply and readiness of industrial land are all critical and require your early and bold action. It is rare that we have an opportunity such as the one before you – we urge you to seize this moment.

The Semiconductor industry, affiliated industries and advanced manufacturing are key components to our economy in East Multnomah County and the pathways to prosperity and social mobility opportunities that it provides here are second to none. We want to see East Multnomah County workers and students help fix our global supply chain issues.

Respectfully,

