



July 25, 2022

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Leader Schumer, Leader McCarthy, and Leader McConnell:

We are encouraged by the recent bipartisan progress in Congress to address the global semiconductor shortage impacting enterprises across the nation and urge Congress to stay in session as long as necessary to pass CHIPS legislation to ensure we have the tools to meet the needs of our businesses and a 21st century workforce.

While the current semiconductor shortage is a global challenge, it acutely affects our businesses, consumers, and workforces across the West. In fact, western states represent over half of the top 15 state semiconductor workforces in the U.S. It is a key industry representing thousands of jobs.

The federal investments in the CHIPS for America Act as well as the Investment Tax Credit (ITC) will help grow domestic semi-conductor manufacturing, support the development of cutting-edge technological innovation, and expand our high-tech workforce. Increased domestic production of semiconductor chips will also help to protect jobs, strengthen our supply chain, improve our national security and defense, grow our economy, and keep the United States a global leader in technology and manufacturing.

We urge Congress to move swiftly to get this funding across the finish line to catalyze an expansion of our domestic semiconductor manufacturing capacity. The time to act is now.

Sincerely,


Governor Kate Brown
Oregon


Governor Brad Little
Idaho


Governor Doug Ducey
Arizona



Governor Doug Burgum
North Dakota



Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham
New Mexico



Governor Jay Inslee
Washington



Governor Mark Gordon
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