

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
H-222, U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Majority Leader
United States Senate
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Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate
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Dear Speaker Pelosi, Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McCarthy, and Minority Leader McConnell:

As Members of Congress representing the home of the automotive industry, we are seeing continued disruptions and crippling forces that are negatively impacting the automotive industry, American workers, and consumers as the prolonged supply chain shortage for semiconductor chips endures.

As you know, it has now been almost a full year since the *Creating Helpful Incentives for the Production of Semiconductors (CHIPS) for America Act* was enacted and, yet, Congress still has not moved to enact the necessary accompanying appropriations legislation needed. We were pleased to learn recently there is agreement between both chambers to begin to conference the Senate-passed *United States Innovation and Competition Act*, and we strongly urge leadership—of both chambers and of both parties—to include the important provisions in this package that would direct funding toward strengthening the long-term health and securing of American semiconductor manufacturing in any final legislation, including at least \$2 billion for “mature node” chips used across the automotive industry. It is also imperative we act before the end of the year.

This week, the Department of Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo was in Southeast Michigan to discuss the real impacts of the semiconductor chip shortage on the mobility industry and across our nation’s economy. It is clear, across political parties that this is a bipartisan issue we must face together. From decisionmakers to original equipment manufacturers, suppliers, labor, and education and workforce development stakeholders who met with Secretary Raimondo, the consequences for the automotive industry as a whole—and the nation—if we fail to advance legislation soon that would fully fund the *CHIPS Act* and provide the necessary

support for the industry at the same time could be dire. Additionally, it is clear we will need to improve transparency and resiliency around our domestic supply chains; the automotive industry will need to double capacity due to the large backlog of demand for vehicles; the pace of change taking place within the automotive industry is happening at a faster rate than any other industry right now; and, finally, we cannot afford to neglect our skilled workforce and must provide important education and training for our American workforce to continue our competitive advantage globally into the future.

The automotive industry is leading a transformational shift right now to electrify mobility and help us meet our clean energy goals to mitigate the harms from climate change. This is going to require massive investments and a large supply of semiconductors to build the electric vehicles of the future—and to build them here in the United States. Commerce Secretary Raimondo also made this clear in her remarks at the Detroit Economic Club saying, “we will not hit those goals if Congress doesn't quickly pass the *CHIPS Act* [funding] so we can get on with the work of incentivizing domestic production of chips.” Strengthening our semiconductor supply chains will not happen overnight—because of the long timeframes involved, we must begin to implement these long-term measures immediately.

If we are to keep the United States the center of the global automotive industry and ensure our workforce remains strong, we need to act fast to mitigate the harms of this semiconductor supply shortage now and, more importantly, in the long-term. As the bicameral conference process moves forward on the Senate-passed *United States Innovation and Competition Act*, it is critical we come together swiftly and craft a final legislative package that will fully fund the important enacted authorizations to help strengthen our automotive domestic supply chains and semiconductor manufacturing.

Thank you for your consideration of this important request, and we stand ready to work with leadership in any way to assist you in advancing this important legislation through Congress. Inaction is not an option any longer. To keep the United States truly competitive and a global manufacturer leader, we must act.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



Daniel T. Kildee
Member of Congress



Fred Upton
Member of Congress



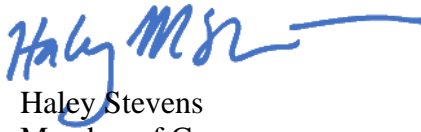
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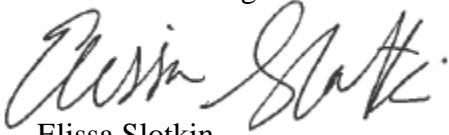
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