



Honorable Chairs Janeen Sollman and Janelle Bynum
Joint Committee on Semiconductors
900 Court St. Salem, OR 97301
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Dear Chairs Sollman and Bynum and Members of the Joint Committee on Semiconductors,

SEMI is the global industry association representing the electronics manufacturing and design supply chain, connecting more than 2,500 members and 1.3 million professionals worldwide. Since 1970, SEMI has built connections that have helped its members prosper, create new markets, and address common industry challenges together. The SEMI Pacific Northwest Chapter is largely made up of Oregon based companies. SEMI has been active in Oregon for decades with dozens of semiconductor companies in Oregon as SEMI members.

As a regional group representing SEMI members in the Oregon, we are proud of the role that our collective businesses play in the Pacific Northwest by contributing to the overall all economy through investments in jobs, as well as workforce training and educational pursuits. Our region and our industry are at the forefront of manufacturing productivity in the country, and is poised to extend the benefits of technology and innovation.

We are writing as members of SEMI Pacific Northwest Region in support of the work of the Oregon Semiconductor Competitiveness Task Force that is advocating for the health and prosperity of semiconductor industry members in Oregon.

Advanced semiconductor research, development and production is Oregon's #1 export and the beating heart of Oregon's economy. This sector is experiencing a global transformation as companies and countries deploy hundreds of billions of dollars in capital expenditure in pursuit of advanced facilities. Oregon's ability to keep pace will determine the fate of the state's most critical industry and largest private employer.

Advanced manufacturing and the semiconductor industry generates billions of dollars annually in state and local government budgets – funding for schools, health care and social services.

The number one factor in attracting new semiconductor investment and accommodating expansions of semiconductor companies **is readily available industrial sites in sizes from 500 to 1,000 acres**. Our member companies' investment patterns throughout the United States and their recent investment history bear out this fact. Today, modern semiconductor fabrications require large acreage to accommodate larger manufacturing facilities.

We are in a historic era where the federal government is investing in the critical semiconductor industry, and we are encouraged by the Oregon Semiconductor Task Force and our Oregon based SEMI member companies' aspirations to capture this federal funding opportunity—The Chips and Science Act. The Oregon Semiconductor Competitive Task Force has identified the key areas of investment needed to make Oregon competitive again.

We urge you to work with your Oregon semiconductor companies to prepare your state to benefit from the economic prosperity for all your residents throughout Oregon. Rural and urban areas around the state can benefit from semiconductor investment.

Respectfully,

Joseph Stockunas
President, SEMI Americas