



The Honorable Gina Raimondo  
Department of Commerce  
Washington, D.C. 20500

**Re: CHIPS and Science Act of 2022**

Dear Madam Secretary,

The undersigned business associations of California wish to congratulate you on your successful leadership in assisting the passage of the *CHIPS and Science Act of 2022* (Act). Collectively, we represent the diverse actors within our Innovation Economy, including technology companies, research entities, as well as financial and legal institutions.

Semiconductors provide a myriad of benefits to our nation. They are essential components in products that are vital to America's businesses, such as desktop computers, laptops, tablets and smartphones. In the area of security, we depend on a reliable source of semiconductors and components in order to consistently produce cutting edge microelectronics that enhance military capabilities. Finally, a dependable stream of chips helps to mitigate supply shortages that have reduced domestic manufacturing and idled plants.

California is well-positioned to leverage the Act's incentives and resources to strengthen national manufacturing, R&D and semiconductor workforce training. The Golden State leads the nation with 64,000 semiconductor manufacturing jobs and 643 semiconductor establishments.<sup>1</sup> Further, California is home to numerous national laboratories, internationally renowned universities and a globally diverse tech workforce.

The Act presents a unique moment to seize upon California's innovation and manufacturing advantages that will help strengthen the national economy and reinforce our critical supply chain of needed semiconductor chips and components. We respectfully request that the Department of Commerce move expeditiously to implement the Act's incentive program, and we are happy to serve as an industry resource as the Act is implemented.

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<sup>1</sup> California, State Statistics 2022, Semiconductor Industry Association

Thank you for sharing our commitment to strengthening America's innovation leadership.

Respectfully,

Bay Area Council  
Chamber San Mateo County  
Fremont Chamber of Commerce  
Los Angeles County Business Federation  
San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce  
San Mateo County Economic Development Association  
Silicon Valley Leadership Group  
Sunnyvale Chamber of Commerce  
Valley Industry & Commerce Association