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Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Chuck Schumer
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
U.S. Senate
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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Leader Schumer, Leader McConnell, Speaker Pelosi, and Leader McCarthy,

We write to you as Members of the Ohio Congressional delegation asking for your support of legislation that fully funds the CHIPS for America Act. As you know, semiconductors, also known as microchips, play an essential role in day-to-day American life. These products are vital to U.S. technology deployment and are critical to U.S. national security. It is crucial that the United States leads in the research, development, and production of semiconductor technology.

As semiconductors have become more integral to the U.S. economy, it is troubling that our manufacturing capacity and research and development capabilities have been on a serious decline in recent decades. Coupled with the significant increase in demand and productivity issues throughout the pandemic, end-users have had a challenging time accessing these vital component parts. This unique opportunity to invest in semiconductor chip manufacturing in the United States will lessen dependence on foreign chip manufacturers, re-shore hundreds of thousands of jobs, and stimulate an economic opportunity for generations to come.

In addition to the economic impact of the chip shortage, failure to augment domestic semiconductor production represents a significant national defense vulnerability. 80% of the world's chips are produced in Asia, primarily in China and Taiwan. With production of US military defense systems dependent upon access to these chips, we cannot afford to outsource these critical components any longer.

The bipartisan CHIPS for America Act was enacted into law in the FY21 National Defense Authorization Act, taking an important first step towards this goal. Congress now needs to fully fund the CHIPS Act to wholly realize the importance of this investment and provide chip manufacturers assistance for facility investment. We urge you to take action as soon as possible to allow for these critical investments to move forward in the United States.


Sincerely,




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Member of Congress



Troy Balderson
Member of Congress



Anthony Gonzalez
Member of Congress



David P. Joyce
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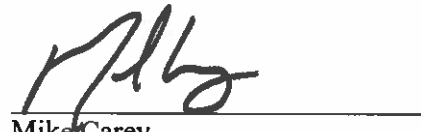
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