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House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Gina M. Raimondo  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Avenue N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Secretary Raimondo,

We write to express our strong support for the New York Semiconductor Manufacturing and Research Technology Innovation Corridor (NY SMART I-Corridor) application to Phase 1 of the Regional Technology and Innovation Hubs (Tech Hubs) Program for both tech hub designation and a strategy development grant.

The NY SMART I-Corridor builds off a uniquely rich inventory of assets and capabilities in the Buffalo, Rochester, and Syracuse corridor particularly in smart sensing and photonics, as well as significant state and regional investments supporting semiconductor manufacturing and the related supply chain. Due to our region's top-tier research universities, workforce development infrastructure, and highly interconnected economic development organizations, the NY SMART I-Corridor is uniquely qualified to be designated as a Tech Hub. With your support, the NY SMART I-Corridor is poised to lead the Nation in advancing both the quality and quantity of semiconductor manufacturing.

Over the past year, our consortium members have worked tirelessly to assess the innovation ecosystem in our region and plan the pivotal next steps to becoming an internationally competitive semiconductor hub. We are proud that their diligent work has resulted in an application worthy of your close consideration.

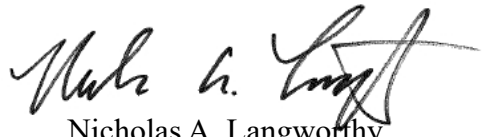
We strongly support the NY SMART I-Corridor application. Receiving a Tech Hub designation would catalyze inclusive economic growth and revitalize the region's economy for all our constituents. The NY SMART I-Corridor has an unparalleled opportunity to engage underserved communities to partake in the high-paying, high-quality jobs; and to lead to the creation of many small businesses, especially those founded by underrepresented groups. Furthermore, Phase 2 federal investment in the NY SMART I-Corridor would attract significant private capital and help build a self-sufficient semiconductor ecosystem. These benefits would be realized while simultaneously advancing the United States' competitiveness in semiconductor technology, ultimately ensuring our region's global excellence in this industry.

Lastly, we would like to thank the Department of Commerce as well as the Economic Development Administration for moving quickly to implement the CHIPS and Science Act so that we can onshore critical industries and once again lead the world in innovation. Thank you for considering this Phase 1 Tech Hub proposal, if we can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our offices.

Sincerely,



Joseph D. Morelle  
Member of Congress



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Member of Congress



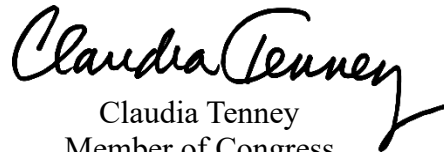
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