

March 7, 2023

The Honorable Gina Raimondo
Secretary
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Secretary Raimondo:

The diverse group of construction and business associations undersigned urge the U.S. Department of Commerce to ensure public investments in the semiconductor industry are not needlessly constrained by anti-competitive and inflationary policies imposed through unlawful regulatory action.

The Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors and Science Act provides \$39 billion in federal grants, loans and loan guarantees to rebuild America's semiconductor manufacturing capacities and allows companies a 25% advanced manufacturing investment tax credit.

We are concerned with the Department of Commerce National Institute of Standards and Technology's promotion of policy¹ that seem to give priority consideration to private-sector stakeholder applications for the CHIPS Incentives Program's Commercial Fabrication Facilities Notice of Funding Opportunity,² which pledge to require its construction contractors to execute a project labor agreement³ with various construction trade unions while building a semiconductor manufacturing facility.

A PLA preference policy in the Department of Commerce's grant program could undermine congressional authority, as the bipartisan()Tj-0.002 Tc 0 TJ[t]-6.6 (he)10.5 (c)8.9 (ons)-2 (t)-6.6 (r)-6 (uc)8.9 (t)-6.6

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