

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

April 12, 2024

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

RE: California National Semiconductor Technology Center (NSTC) Headquarters

Dear Secretary Raimondo,

As members of the California congressional delegation, we write to express our strong support for Governor Newsom's January 29, 2024, letter requesting the establishment of the National Semiconductor Technology Center (NSTC) headquarters in California. Especially in light of the Department of Commerce's recent decision to revoke the Notice of Funding Opportunity for the construction, modernization, or expansion of semiconductor research and development (R&D) facilities, we urge you to consider the unique and critical advantages California brings to the table: its unparalleled leadership in technology innovation, a thriving and collaborative ecosystem, and a deep commitment to fostering a diverse and skilled workforce.

Fueled by Silicon Valley's culture of innovation, California has established the world's foremost and most complete semiconductor ecosystem. The state's diverse talent pool, nurtured by prestigious R1 universities, minority-serving institutions, and federally funded research labs, fuels groundbreaking advancements while establishing the state as a leading hub for workforce education and training. This ecosystem represents a powerful collaboration among industry leaders, dynamic entrepreneurs, skilled researchers, dedicated workforce training partners, top-tier research universities, and insightful private investors. Together, these entities efficiently and seamlessly translate ideas from conceptualization to real-world application. This environment places California at the cutting edge of semiconductor technologies and innovation, and thus emerging fields like quantum computing, artificial intelligence, advanced communications, and innovative energy solutions.

As a pivotal player in the semiconductor industry, the state consistently brings together thought leaders and innovators across various sectors, including industry, academia, and government. This role has been instrumental in incubating cutting-edge technologies and solidifying California's position as a global leader in next-generation innovations. In the absence of direct federal investments to spur and scale private R&D activities, it is even more imperative that the NSTC be best positioned for success. A decision to leverage California's existing resources will maximize the impact of available CHIPS funding and demonstrate the administration's dedication to advancing U.S. global leadership and to accelerating industries of the future.

We strongly believe California is the ideal choice for the National Center for the Advancement of Semiconductor Technology – or Natcast – to operate the NSTC headquarters.

This decision will not only unlock groundbreaking technological advancements but also solidify the United States' position as the leader in the global semiconductor sector.

Sincerely,



Alex Padilla
United States Senator



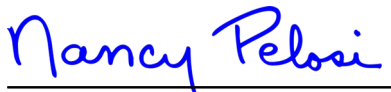
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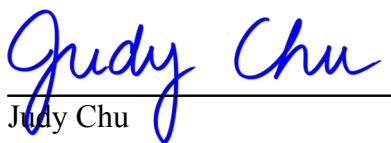
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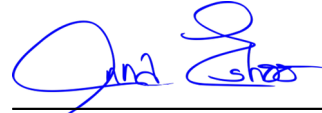
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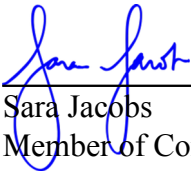
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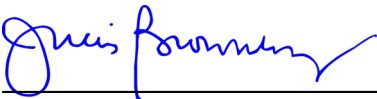
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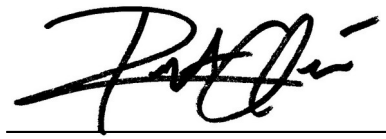
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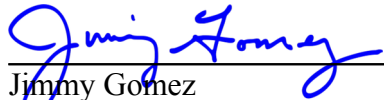
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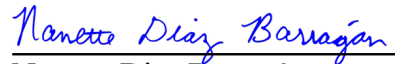
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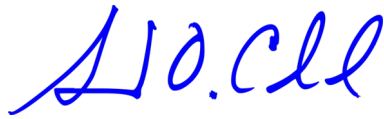
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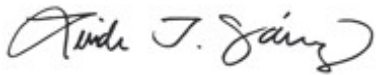
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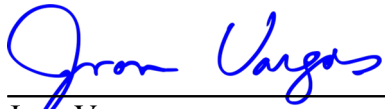
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