



February 24, 2021

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden Jr.
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden:

The undersigned associations representing the nation's leading broadband providers, including cable, wireline, and wireless providers, applaud your Administration's early focus on the supply chain for semiconductor chips, which are critical to today's broadband networks and the next generation of broadband services that our members are deploying to keep Americans connected. Broadband providers are already experiencing the effects of the global semiconductor chip shortage. As the White House considers executive action on this and other important supply chain issues, we urge you to include broadband providers in measures to address the chip shortage, support initiatives that will expand domestic innovation and investment in semiconductor development and manufacturing facilities for all industries and ensure coordination across government and with industry partners on supply chain matters.

The United States has long led the world in development of semiconductor chips, a strategic product that fuels a wide range of industries and helps ensure that the United States remains at the forefront of technological innovation, including in broadband connectivity. In the broadband sector, semiconductor chips power network infrastructure and the end user devices that, together, enable American consumers to connect to the Internet to work and learn from home, see their doctor through telemedicine, order delivery of groceries and other essentials, and keep connected to their loved ones and the world around them. The strain on global supplies of critical semiconductor components could negatively impact broadband providers' ability to continue to deliver world-leading services. Moreover, as other countries make major investments to compete in this space, including incentives for their own domestic research and manufacturing, the United States' share of this important market has decreased. To keep pace and to help address the global shortage of semiconductor chips, the United States must also invest to revitalize its semiconductor industry.

The undersigned therefore urge your Administration to work with Congress to fully fund the Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors (CHIPS) for America Act. This law encourages companies to invest in semiconductor manufacturing facilities and research and development located in the United States, contributing to U.S.-based innovation, and helping ensure a thriving pipeline of this critical input into the U.S. economy. Such action is also vital to strengthening our national security.

Finally, as your Administration embarks on a review of supply chain issues affecting various U.S. economic sectors, we ask that you take a whole-of-government approach and leverage existing public-private partnerships addressing specific supply chain risks. The undersigned stand ready to provide input into any sector-specific review process for Communications-Sector risk should an opportunity be made available to comment or otherwise contribute our collective expertise.

Sincerely,

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