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

September 14, 2023

Dear Secretary Raimondo:

As Senators representing the Buffalo-Rochester-Syracuse corridor in upstate New York, we write in support of the New York Semiconductor Manufacturing and Research Technology Innovation Corridor (NY SMART I-Corridor)'s application to Phase 1 of the Regional Technology and Innovation Hubs (Tech Hubs) Program for tech hub designation and a strategy development grant.

Rich in educational, natural, and cultural resources that would enhance existing technological innovation with federal funding support, this corridor is an ideal location for the Tech Hubs program. This region has world renowned higher education institutions that focus on technological advancement, including Rochester Institute of Technology, as well as diverse workforce development initiatives, hydropower, and plentiful clean water.

It's no surprise that internationally recognized companies, like Micron, have chosen this region to further economic development, and there is a STAMP (Science & Technology Advanced Manufacturing Park) mega-site strategically located in NYPA's low-cost hydropower zone at a cross section of upstate New York's largest population, workforce, and research sectors.

We strongly support NY SMART I-Corridor's application and appreciate your due consideration. We look forward to continuing the conversation about how the Buffalo-Rochester-Syracuse region is optimal for the semiconductor industry and advancing state and national goals to provide high quality, well-paying jobs in underserved communities.

Sincerely,

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