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Co-Chairs Sen Sollman and Rep Bynum and Committee Members:

**Support for the Semiconductor Package**

The Northwest Carpenters Union understands the significance of funding for the semiconductor package. We want to express our support for this package, which would restore manufacturing and family-wage jobs to Oregon.

In the United States, the semiconductor industry directly employs a quarter-million, people. With major manufacturing operations in 18 states, it supports over one million additional jobs in the United States. Semiconductors are Oregon's highest-value export, accounting for \$8.2 billion in revenue. Semiconductors in Oregon rank third in the United States, with 26,894 manufacturing jobs and fifth with 74 semiconductor establishments. After aircraft, refined oil, crude oil, and automobiles, they are America's fifth-largest export.

In addition, the Northwest Carpenters Union has 25,000 members in the Pacific Northwest. As highly skilled tradespeople, our members make up an essential part of Oregon's workforce, one that supports family-wage jobs.

The Northwest Carpenters Union is prepared to provide a skilled, diverse construction workforce for semiconductor infrastructure and building projects. Many of our construction employees will be apprentices getting valuable on-the-job training, including many women and people of color.

We recognize that supporting the semiconductor industry in Oregon is a long-term, statewide investment in our future education, workforce development, apprenticeship, training, and manufacturing, with far-reaching impacts for the entire supply chain and many communities far beyond the manufacturing job. It is time for Oregon to lead the way in economic development.

I respectfully urge you to consider and support funding for the semiconductor package.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Cory Elliott  
Political Director  
Northwest Carpenters Union