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Senator Janeen Sollman, Co-Chair
Representative Janelle Bynum, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Semiconductors
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court Street
Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: Comprehensive Legislative Package supporting Semiconductor and Advanced Manufacturing

Dear Co-Chairs, Vice Chairs, and members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of a robust package for Oregon's semiconductor industry. Portland General Electric (PGE) is a fully integrated electric utility that serves approximately 920,000 customers with a service area population of 2 million Oregonians in six counties and 51 incorporated cities.

As an electric utility, one of our most fundamental missions is to support the well-being and prosperity of all Oregon's residents and businesses. Recently, we played an important role in supporting the region's advocacy for laying the groundwork for successful application(s) to secure CHIPS & Science Act investment. Semiconductor and advanced manufacturing investment in Oregon results in tremendous economic benefits to the state with nearly 50% of the associated jobs going to high school and community college graduates. These high-paying jobs deliver public benefits for decades, in turn supporting other critical state priorities.

Oregon is on the cusp of a 1990s-like semiconductor boom when billions were invested and industry employment more than doubled. That boom was facilitated by 2,000+ acres of industrial land. Investment in new facilities such as semiconductor fabs and research and development centers will require availability of industrial land and the necessary infrastructure to support these facilities. Without development-ready land, Oregon will not be able to preserve or grow its strong semiconductor industry cluster or take advantage of the CHIPS Act. PGE has a long history of partnering with infrastructure providers and local governments in the region to support traded sector industrial growth, including semiconductor and advanced manufacturing development. Even though there is significant work ahead and the need for infrastructure funding, we are ready to continue that partnership to support the next generation of semiconductor and advanced manufacturing investments in Oregon.

To ensure Oregon can secure its share of funding in these important industries, PGE urges the Joint Committee on Semiconductors and the 2023 Oregon Legislature to act swiftly in passing a comprehensive legislative package that aligns with the recommendations of the Oregon Semiconductor Competitiveness Task Force. Please reach out should we be able to answer any additional questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chloe Becker".

Chloe Becker
State Legislative Affairs Manager