



To: Joint Committee on Ways & Means Subcommittee on Education
Senator Janeen Sollman, Co-Chair
Representative Ricki Ruiz, Co-Chair

Fr: Stephen T. Meyers, Ph.D.

Date: April 27, 2023

Re: HB 5525, Higher Education Coordinating Commission – Public Universities

Dear Co-Chairs Sollman and Ruiz, and members of the Committee,

On behalf of Inpria Corporation, I write to express our strong support for the Advanced Technology & Manufacturing Institute (ATAMI), part of the Oregon State University (OSU) Division of Research and Innovation.

Inpria was founded in as a spin-out from the OSU Department of Chemistry and has made use of the unique combination of advanced tooling, flexible lab and manufacturing space, and technical expertise available at ATAMI for more than a decade. This support has been a critical enabler for our successful translation of basic science into industry leadership, and Inpria has grown to include more than 100 Corvallis-based employees. This leading position as an Oregon company in the fiercely competitive global semiconductor materials industry continues to depend on the facilities and capabilities ATAMI offers, which superbly complement the local research institutions (OSU/UO) and the advanced semiconductor manufacturing hub in the Portland area.

The ATAMI facility and it's mission-focused management and staff are also supporting the next-generation of science-based start-ups and technology commercialization projects. The opportunity to collaborate with these researchers across a variety of related fields including the adjacent CorMic Tech Hub is further motivation for Inpria to maintain our Oregon base in the belief that with continued support for ATAMI advanced materials development in the region has a bright future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephen T. Meyers', written in a cursive style.

Stephen T. Meyers
CEO, Inpria Corporation