

March 5, 2026

The Honorable Hal Rogers  
Chair, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice,  
Science, and Related Agencies  
House Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Grace Meng  
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Commerce,  
Justice, Science, and Related Agencies  
House Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Jerry Moran  
Chair, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice,  
Science, and Related Agencies  
Senate Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Chris Van Hollen  
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Commerce,  
Justice, Science, and Related Agencies  
Senate Committee on Appropriations

Dear Chairs Rogers and Moran and Ranking Members Meng and Van Hollen,

America's economic might and national security depend not only on our ability to remain at the cutting edge of critical technologies, but also to translate our innovations into new products and solutions—a process that should entail expanding domestic manufacturing, strengthening supply chains, and creating high-quality jobs in communities across the nation. The **Regional Technology and Innovation Hubs** (Tech Hubs) program at the Department of Commerce is one of America's most important tools to ensure that our inventions achieve these economic and security goals.

As you consider FY 2027 appropriations, we urge the Subcommittee to provide **\$2 billion in total funding for Tech Hubs this fiscal year**, including at least **\$200 million in discretionary funding** in the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies appropriation. This level of investment will allow Commerce to continue building momentum at in-progress Tech Hubs, catalyze new projects in designated regions, and open designation to emerging geographies and technologies. Each selected Tech Hub is highly vetted for its capital and job commitments by industry leaders, access to regional assets, and state and local support to maximize potential to reshore critical technologies and achieve local economic growth for the long haul. The Tech Hubs program is an important investment of taxpayer dollars in our future economy, from the bottom-up.

In total, Tech Hubs urgently needs funding in line with its five-year, \$10 billion bipartisan authorization both to halt the declines in America's technological leadership in key sectors and to build our advantages in other fields. To date, the program has received a fraction of its authorized funding, and only 12 regions have received implementation funding out of 31 designees, 18 strategy development awardees, and nearly 400 initial applications by regional consortia from across the country.

Our discretionary funding recommendation is tailored to enable the Tech Hubs program to continue achieving the country's competitiveness goals while acknowledging the challenging appropriations context of recent years. \$200 million will provide Commerce with resources to support new and expanded projects at a level on par with Congress's funding of the earlier-stage Engines program at the National Science Foundation.

Despite limited funding, the Tech Hubs already are delivering meaningful results for their regional economies and for America's economic competitiveness and national security.

- **KCBioHub** has expanded with six biosciences research and manufacturing plant expansions breaking ground or opening since its designation, accelerating the region's momentum.
- The **NY SMART I-Corridor Tech Hub** saw Micron break ground on a \$100 billion semiconductor manufacturing site and is preparing additional sites for new projects.

- In western Montana, the **Headwaters Tech Hub** is strengthening the region's photonics and quantum sensing cluster with investments in tech demonstration and STEM talent.
- The **Pacific Northwest Mass Timber Tech Hub** in Oregon and Washington has seen industry and other partners invest \$140 million into co-located timber housing and research facilities.

These are just a few examples of what Tech Hubs can accomplish—and they highlight what is at risk without increased federal investment. Other countries, and particularly China, already have surpassed America's production capabilities in critical industries, and we are rapidly losing our edge in discovering breakthrough innovations in sectors that include biosciences, energy independence, advanced materials, and quantum technologies.

The Tech Hubs program is a high-return investment in our people and places, keeping the good jobs of the future here at home. Sustained, meaningful funding that aligns with the authorization's goals for global economic competitiveness and national security will help ensure that the technologies defining the 21<sup>st</sup> century are invented, produced, and scaled in America.

Thank you for your continued leadership and consideration as you develop the FY 2027 appropriations legislation.

Sincerely,

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