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The Honorable Joseph R. Biden Jr.  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
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Dear President Biden:

As you consider executive action to review America's supply chain in critical sectors, the Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA) – the trade association representing manufacturers and suppliers of America's high-speed broadband network infrastructure – writes to highlight the importance of technology-neutral action in resolving the current semiconductor chip shortage. America's broadband networks and the secure deployment of new technologies such as 5G are vital to U.S. interests, necessitating a level playing field across all industry segments.

As the federal government considers the current short-term supply constraints for semiconductors, we call attention to the need to ensure broadband connectivity for American families and workers as the economy recovers from the pandemic. We stand ready to help the government achieve its goals of high-speed internet access for every American. Key to achieving these goals will be sustaining and securing a robust Information and Communications Technology (ICT) supply chain.

As you contemplate an Executive Order reviewing supply chains for major sectors of the economy, we strongly encourage a balanced approach to U.S. government action that does not favor one sector over others. As the pandemic continues to progress, America's schoolchildren increasingly rely on laptops and home connectivity to access their education; doctors and first responders rely on mobile devices to provide critical public assistance; and a large share of the country continues to rely on robust networks to work from home. A technology neutral approach is the best way for the government to facilitate industry efforts to resolve this short-term chip shortage.

As part of the administration's longer-term strategic efforts to strengthen America's ICT industrial base, we encourage you to include substantial funding for the Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors (CHIPS) for America law in your Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Budget Request to Congress. The CHIPS Act will help ensure a robust supply of semiconductors into the future by supporting companies looking to invest in America and build semiconductor fabrication facilities here. We stand ready to work with you and your team on these vital issues.

Sincerely,

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The Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA)

cc:

Neera Tanden, Nominee for Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)  
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