

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Richard Shelby
Chairman
U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Defense
122 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Richard Durbin
Ranking Member
U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Defense
115 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
U.S. House Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Defense
H-405, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Peter J. Visclosky
Ranking Member
U.S. House Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Defense
1016 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Shelby, Chairwoman Granger, Ranking Member Durbin, and Ranking Member Visclosky:

As you work to finalize funding for the Department of Defense for Fiscal Year 2019, we respectfully urge you to support language in the Senate-passed Fiscal Year 2019 Department of Defense (DoD) Appropriations bill that provided \$30 million in additional funding for Defense-Wide Manufacturing Science and Technology Program's (DMS&T) Advanced Manufacturing within the Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Defense-Wide account.

Microelectronics support nearly all DoD activities, enabling capabilities such as the global positioning system, radar, command and control, and communications. Ensuring secure access to leading-edge microelectronics, however, is a challenge. The changing global semiconductor industry and the sophistication of U.S. adversaries, who might target military electronic components, require us to update our domestic microelectronics security framework.

DMS&T is an investment mechanism that allows the DoD to advance state-of-the-art, defense-essential, manufacturing capabilities through the development of technologies and processes necessary to produce defense systems. Senate Report 115-290 specifically addressed trusted microelectronics and increased funding through the DMS&T program. Of the \$45,250,000 increase to DMS&T, \$30,000,000 is directed to advanced manufacturing. This funding increase would allow the United States to achieve a rapid modernization of domestic state-of-the-art foundry operations to produce trusted microelectronics.

We believe Congress should provide the resources necessary to update our domestic microelectronic security framework and respectfully request the conference committee maintain the senate passed \$30 million in additional funding for DMS&T's Advanced Manufacturing. We thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Darren Soto
Member of Congress



Stephanie Murphy
Member of Congress