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The Honorable Hal Rogers
Chairman
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice,
Science, and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
H-310 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Grace Meng
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice,
Science, and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Rogers and Ranking Member Meng:

As you develop the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies (CJS) Appropriations bill for Fiscal Year (FY) 2027, we request that the Committee support the Critical Supply Chain Site Development Grant Program at the Economic Development Administration (EDA).

Our nation's lack of development-ready industrial sites poses a risk to our national security and economic growth. Many communities lack the necessary infrastructure, workforce, or capacity to prepare industrial sites for development and construction on their own. Potential industrial sites may have 'fatal flaws,' such as a lack of road access, water access, or connections to the local power grid. Such barriers discourage private investment and can disadvantage communities most in need of capital investment.

The Critical Supply Chain Site Development Grant Program helps communities overcome these barriers through targeted federal support for site preparation and readiness. Through this program, communities can invest in industrial site preparation and certification for strategically important manufacturing projects. Grants can cover various expenses, such as connecting the site to public utilities, completing NEPA environmental reviews, investing in workforce training programs, and other necessary preparations for manufacturing projects.

Many states across the country have found success with their own investments in site readiness, ensuring their local economies are more robust and resilient to global uncertainty. Federal funding for the Critical Supply Chains Site Development Grant Program will build on these efforts, attracting private investment and creating good-paying jobs in regions that have historically been overlooked.

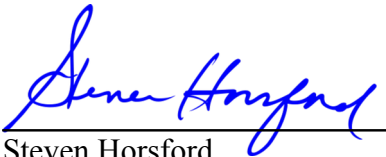
Domestic manufacturing is the backbone of the American economy. To make the most of Congress' recent investments in our domestic manufacturing industry, we must ensure that communities have sites that are truly 'shovel-ready' for development. Strategic investments in site readiness will help accelerate projects and boost the nation's industrial base.

As such, we urge you to include \$50 million for the Critical Supply Chain Site Development Grant Program in the FY27 CJS Appropriations bill. We appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



Steven Horsford
Member of Congress



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