SEMICONDUCTORS
Building America’s Innovation Economy
Maintaining a vibrant U.S. semiconductor industry is strategic to America’s continued strength.

2017 POLICY PRIORITIES

TAX – Make the U.S. Tax System Globally Competitive
• Promote comprehensive corporate tax reform based on a lower, globally competitive rate; movement toward a modern international system; and strong incentives for research and innovation.

RESEARCH – Increase Federal Investment in Semiconductor Research
• Advance America’s technological leadership by substantially increasing federal investments in university-based, pre-competitive research at DARPA, NIST, NSF, and DOE.
• Implement and support research programs to advance semiconductor technology and innovation.

TRADE – Expand Access to Global Markets
• Maintain and expand access to global markets and support robust international trade.
• Enforce international trade rules in order to maintain a level playing field for U.S. businesses.
• Ensure the U.S. industry can compete in overseas markets on fair and equal terms.

EXPORT CONTROL – Reduce Burdens on the Export of Commercial Semiconductors
• Streamline export control regulations to allow U.S. semiconductor companies to effectively compete in the global market for commercial semiconductors.

WORKFORCE – Strengthen America’s Technology Workforce
• Promote policies that will attract and retain high-skilled workers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) fields.
• Invest in STEM education to develop the skills of the future American workforce.

ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH & SAFETY – Support Sustainability
• Achieve appropriate regulations governing industry emissions of climate gases and the use of essential chemicals and materials, and safeguard the supply of materials critical to semiconductor manufacturing.

ANTI-COUNTERFEITING – Combat Counterfeit Semiconductors
• Promote enforcement against counterfeit products and increase prosecutions of counterfeiters.
• Reduce the supply of counterfeit semiconductors, especially in the government supply chain, by strengthening policies that encourage procurement through authorized sources.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY – Promote Innovation by Protecting Valuable IP
• Enact balanced reforms to reduce abusive patent litigation and increase the protection of trade secrets.

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