

# 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.