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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Kevin McCarthy United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

AGC KEY VOTE: Vote "YES" on the CHIPS Act of 2022

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Minority Leader McCarthy,

On behalf of the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) – the leading construction industry association representing America's top general contractors and specialty-contracting firms in every state – I urge you to vote "YES" on the CHIPS Act, Senate substitute amendment to H.R. 4346. This bill makes significant investments in the construction of domestic semiconductor manufacturing facilities. As such, AGC will record this vote as a KEY VOTE for the education of its more than 27,000 member firms.

The reasons for building, improving, or expanding semiconductor manufacturing facilities in the United States are numerous. Our nation needs such facilities to ensure innumerable end products requiring them have a sufficient supply; to maintain and expand our nation's ability to compete and innovate like no other county on the globe; and to protect our national security in the increasingly digital world.

AGC not only supports the CHIPS Act because it provides \$39 billion to fund the construction of these facilities, but also because these facilities will spur broader economic development and new, long-term construction jobs. For example, to support these new facilities:

- Williamson County, Texas budgeted more than \$120 million to build and improve roads;
- Phoenix, Arizona approved \$205 million for roads and water infrastructure; and
- Ohio set aside \$691 million to improve road and water infrastructure in Columbus.

In addition, these investments will lead to the construction of new schools, commercial buildings and more to accommodate growing communities.

For these reasons, AGC urges you and your members to vote "YES" on the CHIPS Act and will record your vote as a KEY VOTE. Thank you for your consideration of AGC and its members.

Sincerely,

James V. Christianson

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Cc: Members of the U.S. House of Representatives