

Mrs Ursula von der Leyen
Rue de la Loi 200
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Subject:

Request to expand bilateral cooperation on technology and trade between European Union and United States

11 June 2021

Dear President,

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To remain competitive and advance our strategic position in the digital age, Europe and the U.S. must continue to invest in the microelectronics industry to advance new materials, designs and architectures, while remaining open to all who can add value and foster innovation. By bringing together domestic and foreign expertise, more technological self-reliance can be achieved, cooperation linkages with international partners can be sustained, while core values and principles remain preserved.

SEMI believes that the European Union and United States are well positioned to build on their shared strategic interests and advance regulatory cooperation on critical technologies, such as microelectronics, and identify ways to ensure long-term resilience of supply chains essential for the growth of this industry. We support establishing the proposed **EU-US Trade and Technology Council**, and we encourage further commitment to a constructive dialogue, ensuring cooperation on critical technologies and supply chains reflects the needs of both partners and our globally integrated microelectronics industry.

We would like to offer our gratitude and our support for your efforts to maintain and strengthen the bilateral dialogue between the European Union and United States on technology governance and the global rules-based trading system. We are at your disposal for further information and assistance.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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Industry Executives from SEMI Europe Advisory Board endorsing this letter:



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