



The Honorable Susan Collins
Chair
Senate Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Patty Murray
Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Chair Collins, Ranking Member Murray, Chair Cole, and Ranking Member DeLauro:

We write today to commend President Trump's Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Request which proposes a \$215 million increase in funding for the Department of Commerce's Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS). We strongly urge Congress to support this critical investment as you craft the Fiscal Year 2027 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

The President's budget rightly recognizes that BIS is one of the most consequential agencies in the federal government for protecting America's technological edge and national security. At a time of intensifying strategic competition, export controls on advanced semiconductors and AI-enabling technologies have become an indispensable tool of American statecraft. BIS is the agency charged with administering and enforcing these controls, and adequate funding is essential to ensuring it can fulfill this mission.

This proposed increase builds on a strong record of action by both the Administration and Congress. The President's Budget Request continues this Administration's consistent advocacy for increased BIS funding. Congress rightly recognized last year that BIS's budget was insufficient to meet these growing demands and provided a \$44 million increase in the FY2026 appropriation. We applauded that increase and urged Congress to continue on that trajectory.

BIS's responsibilities have expanded dramatically in recent years. The rise of AI as a transformative dual-use technology has further broadened the agency's mandate, requiring it to develop novel controls, monitor a rapidly evolving technical landscape, and enforce restrictions against well-resourced adversaries with sophisticated evasion networks.

U.S. export controls have already delivered meaningful results in hampering China's access to the advanced dual-use AI hardware. But sustaining those successes requires closing persistent

gaps. Recent actions by the Department of Justice have revealed that billions of dollars' worth of advanced AI chips have been smuggled into China in violation of U.S. restrictions, often through shell companies and intermediaries operating in jurisdictions with limited enforcement capacity. Countering these networks demands more enforcement officers on the ground as well as long-overdue modernization of BIS's technical infrastructure. The President's budget request reflects the urgency of this moment.

Strong enforcement also means stronger American competitiveness. Robust export controls ensure that the immense investments the United States is making in AI research, semiconductor manufacturing, and advanced technology infrastructure are not undermined by the unchecked transfer of critical capabilities to strategic rivals. Every dollar spent on BIS enforcement helps protect the far larger investments that American companies, researchers, and taxpayers are making in the technologies that will define the 21st-century economy.

We applaud the President for recognizing the strategic importance of BIS and for proposing a budget that matches the scale of the challenge. We respectfully urge Congress to support this funding request fully and to ensure that BIS has the resources it needs to safeguard American technology and maintain our nation's leadership in the global AI competition.

Sincerely,



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cc:

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Sen. Chris Van Hollen, *Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, Senate Committee on Appropriations*

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