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The Honorable Alejandra Y. Castillo  
Assistant Secretary of Commerce  
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Dear Assistant Secretary Castillo,

I write today to encourage you to consider Sacramento as you continue to implement the Regional Technology and Innovation Hubs (Tech Hubs) program. Sacramento's unique combination of a highly educated workforce, academic institutions, geography, and public – private collaboration positions it well to maximize the impact of the Tech Hubs program.

The CHIPS and Science Act (P.L. 117-167) established the Tech Hubs program as part of a bipartisan package to reassert America's global innovation leadership. As the House Democratic lead of the CHIPS for America Act, I was heavily involved in advancing this package in Congress and remain committed to implementing it successfully. The Tech Hubs program was designed to strengthen America's innovation pipeline while increasing geographic diversity in R&D. Given this Congressional mandate, I believe Sacramento would make an ideal location for a Tech Hub.

Recently the Economic Innovation Group (EIG), a bipartisan public policy organization dedicated to forging a more dynamic and inclusive American economy, conducted an independent study to make recommendations on the 20 best locations for the Tech Hubs as required by the CHIPS and Science Act. The study used a comprehensive and data-driven analysis of human capital, potential to generate and commercialize innovative technologies, industrial composition, and proximity to other large cities, among other factors. Given the strength of Sacramento's innovation-edge, the independent EIG study included it on its list for the top 20 Tech Hub locations. This study backs up what my constituents already know to be true: Sacramento has the right mix of people, institutions, and drive to advance American innovation for years to come.

As you continue your important work implementing the Tech Hubs program, I strongly urge you to consider selecting the Sacramento region to host a Tech Hub. I appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to working with you to successfully implement the Tech Hubs program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Doris Matsui". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Doris" and last name "Matsui" clearly distinguishable.

Doris Matsui  
Member of Congress