



U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE ON
SCIENCE, SPACE, & TECHNOLOGY

Opening Statement

Congresswoman Haley Stevens (D-MI)

Conference Kickoff Meeting
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I am honored to be here with you all today for our first Conference meeting. As Chair of the Subcommittee on Research & Technology within the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, I am proud of the Science Committee's bipartisan provisions that are included in this package. I am especially supportive of the spirit of my NIST for the Future Act, which is a bipartisan and comprehensive reauthorization for the agency to support U.S. competitiveness through research, technology, standards, and support for U.S. manufacturing.

As a conferee, I will work to ensure investments that will spur innovation, create jobs, and build a strong and diverse STEM workforce.

Since Michigan's 11th District sent me to Congress, I have been laser focused on bringing the innovation economy to my neighbors. My District is in the heartland of the automotive industry. Every day, I wake up to headlines about the chip shortage. And the impact of the CHIPS crisis is wide-ranging – it has dramatically impacted Michigan's small to midsize manufacturers as well.

The one message I want to communicate to my fellow conferees – *my top priority here is to get this done*. My constituents can no longer afford for us to idle on this package. And I stand ready to work with my colleagues from across both sides of the aisle as well as both Chambers of Congress to see this through.

On July 4th, we will celebrate our 246th-year as a nation. I hope you join me in working to pass this legislation by Independence Day – to lay the foundation for the next century of American leadership. This bill is an investment in our people – it reflects our ability to reach higher, think deeper, and invent solutions to not only today's problems, but solutions for tomorrow's problems as well.