

April 10, 2017

The Honorable Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Statistics U.S. Department of Labor Washington, D.C. 20212

Dear Commissioner:

Your staff asked if we would be willing to endorse the U.S. Export and Import Price Index program and the Producer Price Index program of the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) in order to encourage businesses in the U.S. semiconductor industry to participate in this program.

SIA fully endorses BLS's U.S. Export and Import Price Index program and the Producer Price Index program and encourages U.S. semiconductor industry firms to participate. This and other BLS programs have also been endorsed by Federal Reserve Chairman, Janet Yellen, who has said the data collected by BLS is "indispensable to understanding America's Economy."

SIA recognizes the valuable work BLS conducts on behalf of the American people and supports its mission to "collect, analyze, and disseminate essential economic information to support public and private decision-making."

Please let us know if there is anything else we can do to assist you in your mission.

Sincerely,

John F. Neuffer President and CEO

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