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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

Endless Frontier Act

The Buffalo Niagara Partnership, on behalf of its members who employ more than a quarter of a million people in the region, **SUPPORTS the Endless Frontier Act**. This bipartisan legislation would create quality jobs, increase our national competitiveness and security, and present unique opportunities for the region.

The Endless Frontier Act would make a substantial investment in research on topics of great priority, including artificial intelligence, computing, semi-conductors, robotics, advanced manufacturing, disaster prevention, communications, biotechnology, cybersecurity, energy, advanced materials, and engineering. In doing so, Congress would create jobs and educational opportunities, and also improve our national security and competitiveness. The Act reflects a commitment to solidify the United States as the global leader in technology and innovation, thereby decreasing our reliance on foreign nations, strengthening our economy, and creating export opportunities.

The Act would also create a Supply Chain Resiliency and Crisis Response Program to monitor and strengthen America's supply chains. As we have seen throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, ensuring the security of our supply chains must remain a top priority, and a program dedicated to doing so is a worthy investment.

Although the Endless Frontier Act would prove beneficial to the United States as a whole, BNP is especially encouraged by the benefits the bill could bring to our region. Under this bill, the Department of Commerce would designate and invest in at least ten regional technology hubs that would "position communities to be global centers for research, development, workforce training, entrepreneurship, and manufacturing." Should a technology hub be located in Western New York, our region would see an influx of public and private capital and become an attractive landing spot for America's top talent in STEM fields.

The Endless Frontier Act would provide the resources to solidify the United States as the international leader in 21st century innovation and technology. This legislation could be transformative for the Buffalo Niagara region if designated as a regional technology hub. Legislation can always be improved, and discussions around spending levels, financing methodology, and allowable expenses are appropriate as Congress debates this legislation. Because of the numerous and substantial benefits that the bill would provide our region and nation, **BNP SUPPORTS the Endless Frontier Act**.