



Increased Semiconductor Exports = More U.S. Jobs ***June 18, 2010***

DID YOU KNOW...

- The U.S. Semiconductor Industry employs 185,000 people in the US that make almost 51% of the world's computer chips.*
- This market for chips was worth over \$225 billion in 2009 and is growing every year.
- Over 80% of U.S. semiconductors go to customers outside the U.S. market and are sold in nearly every country in the world.
- Those overseas sales allow leading-edge U.S. based chip makers to employ highly skilled and talented U.S. workers whose average income is \$96,000 per year.
- U.S. semiconductor makers invest over \$20 billion a year in research and development right here in the U.S. and invest over \$13 billion in capital equipment at home. Those investments spur new products and create new jobs.
- Semiconductors have been America's largest export over the last five years (from 2005-2009), reaching an average of nearly \$50 billion over those five years, compared with \$38 billion for autos and \$36 billion for refined petroleum products.

Passage of Pending Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) Will Provide New Markets For U.S. Semiconductor Firms

- The U.S. continues to invest heavily here at home in new semiconductor facilities but other nations are rapidly investing in their home markets to take on America's leadership position. That's why it's important to sign free trade agreements that allow us to keep current customers and gain new ones in order to keep America in the technological forefront for demand for computer chips!
- Semiconductors, chips, computers and IT products are an invaluable link in the world's increasingly global supply chain. This interdependence requires that industries, governments and policy makers bring the full benefits of trade to every country so that all can continue to reap the significant societal gains from technology.

A Robust Trade Agenda Will Benefit the U.S. Semiconductor Industry

- Without meaningful trade agreements, the United States will suffer as the nation of choice for so many entrepreneurs who look to locate, grow and create new jobs in America. Trade is the common denominator for a successful U.S. knowledge economy which is vital for creating the highly skilled jobs of the 21st Century, whether in medicine, green technologies or advanced manufacturing.
- American innovation and entrepreneurship is prized the world over. But we must have trade agreements that lower the tariffs, eliminate the non-tariff barriers and protect the intellectual property that help level the playing field for U.S. technology goods and services in markets overseas. Free trade agreements (FTAs) help us do just that.

**All data from Semiconductor Industry Association (SIA)*

The Trade and American Competitiveness Coalition is made up of U.S. business enterprises that support policies and legislation that will enhance U.S. competitiveness in the international economy to promote growth and prosperity for America's businesses, workers and consumers.