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Dear Ms. Wuamett:

On behalf of Austin Community College District (ACC), I am writing to thank you and NXP Semiconductors for your leadership and commitment to our growing region. I am also writing to express my support for Project Live Oak to expand your semiconductor manufacturing operations in the Central Texas and create even more opportunities for the regional economy, and specifically for our students.

ACC believes deeply in partnerships that lift our community, and NXP is one of Central Texas' strongest corporate partners. NXP's deep engagement in the community has been a game changer for our students, providing life-changing opportunities in high-tech careers. ACC is a Hispanic-serving and Minority-serving institution where nearly 60 percent of students identify as non-white and more than 65 percent are low income. The average salary for high tech manufacturing jobs is nearly \$160,000 in Central Texas, and NXP has worked hard to build strong pathways into good-paying careers for our students.

NXP is a founding partner of the High School Advanced Manufacturing Impact Academy, which is directly helping ACC deepen ties with Austin Independent School District (ISD) and other neighboring districts. Specifically, I would like to thank you for the NXP Foundation's recent \$250,000 donation to ACC to create the NXP Advanced Manufacturing Lab at the ACC Highland Learning Campus. The funds not only provided advanced training equipment for the NXP Lab, but also created a new set of endowed scholarships to help high school students enroll in ACC's Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Technology degrees programs.

These donations are only the latest developments in the multi-layered engagement NXP already has with ACC. These include customized in-house training programs and expanding apprenticeships for current employees; utilizing entry-level bootcamps to onboard new adult employees; and broad additional youth engagement efforts – such as the Explorers Club which offers weekend tours at NXP facilities.

As the region's largest provider of workforce education, ACC is deeply appreciative of your leadership. Together, ACC and NXP will ensure the capital region of Texas meets its diverse and growing workforce needs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard M. Rhodes".

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