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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
25TH DISTRICT, NEW YORK
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Dr. John Pyrovolakis
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Dear Dr. Pyrovolakis,

I am writing to express my support for the Innovation Accelerator's proposal entitled "The Innovation, Manufacturing and Materials Science Institute Development Plan" ("IMMSI") to the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration's Economic Adjustment Assistance Program (EDAP2014).

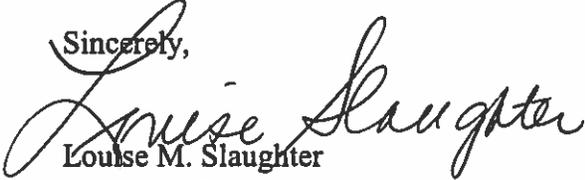
This past May, I was excited to host EDA Regional Director Andrew Reid and accompany him on a tour of the Eastman Business Park. Andrew and I were both impressed with the existing infrastructure at the Eastman Business Park and I consider it a top economic development priority for the region. I was particularly pleased to hear that this proposal will re-deploy legacy infrastructure within the area and is consistent with the plan set forth by the Genesee-Finger Lakes Economic Development District.

During my time in Congress, I have supported initiatives in my district that strengthen the innovation pipeline and create and maintain jobs. The Rochester region is uniquely positioned to be an industry leader with a highly educated workforce, strong higher education system, and an infrastructure that remains largely intact at the Eastman Business Park. The combination of these three assets will build a strong regional manufacturing base sustaining the economic vitality of the region indefinitely.

Our nation must re-establish its leadership in high tech-manufacturing in order to create jobs and strengthen the middle class. The IMMSI's focus on expanding our region's advanced manufacturing base in biomaterials advanced manufacturing, energy innovation, and functional films will place it in a prime position to take advantage of new market expansion. This forward-thinking approach will spur job creation as local machine shops, manufacturing, and other service providers are heavily relied upon. In addition, distressed rural areas in southern regions will also benefit as the demand for raw agricultural materials increases. I firmly believe that the proposed project to develop a commercial accelerator model and establish a functioning institute will lead to the creation of 10,000 new manufacturing jobs in the Genesee-Finger Lakes

Region over the next ten years.

Therefore, I support Innovation Accelerator's proposal, and I urge your full and fair consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Louise M. Slaughter
Member of Congress