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To Whom It May Concern:

This email is in response to Audit Report OIG-26-030-A dated September 24, 2026, and titled “Audit of NIST’s Assessment of Applicant Eligibility for CHIPS Incentives Funding” (the "Audit Report").

Intel would like to make two comments regarding references to Intel in the Audit Report.

First, on page 1 (Introduction), footnote 4, the second sentence states that the Department and Intel have “no further obligations under the direct funding agreement." While some obligations ended as part of the August 27, 2025 amendment, Intel continues to have certain obligations under the Direct Funding Agreement. Therefore, we would recommend that consideration be given to amending the language in this or in future documents to state: “Intel continues to follow the statutory obligations under the Direct Funding Agreement”

Second, in Appendix 1, Table 2, the fourth row refers to Intel’s New Albany, Ohio project. Intel is constructing two new fabs, but the project scope in the Direct Funding Agreement refers to one new fab.

Please let me know if you have any questions.



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