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The U.S. Chips and Science Act presents a historic opportunity for the United States to step forward as a global leader in semiconductor research and manufacturing. Making the next generation of microchips hits everyone, from the advanced researchers to supply chain managers to manufacturing technicians.

The State University of New York is ready to educate and train the diverse workforce. In fact, we are already doing it. We are developing pipelines with industry partners to put students on the path to great semiconductor careers to ensure the skilled workforce to drive the growth of the industry. We are doing all of this through strategic collaboration.

Here at Albany Nanotech, we have been cultivating an innovation ecosystem that has become a magnet for companies and industry partners seeking to advance cutting-edge semiconductor research. The SUNY Applied Materials institute is a great example. It's a strategic alliance between SUNY and Applied Materials that drives R&D on advanced materials, devices, manufacturing and emerging areas of science and technology, leveraging the country's most advanced publicly owned 300 millimeter semiconductor R&D facility right here at Albany Nanotech.

We are proud to partner with Applied Materials to help speed up the rate of innovation and to provide experiential learning and research opportunities to students at every level through this new center. This is an exciting time to be working semiconductor R&D in the United States, and I feel very fortunate to be right in the heart of it here at the State University of New York.