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**Opening Statement as Prepared for Delivery**  
**of**  
**Subcommittee on Innovation, Data and Commerce Member Lisa Blunt Rochester**

***Innovation, Data, and Commerce Subcommittee Hearing on “Mapping America’s Supply Chains: Solutions to Unleash Innovation, Boost Economic Resilience, and Beat China”***

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Thank you, Ranking Member Schakowsky.

We on E&C have sounded the alarm on supply chain challenges that threatened our health, economy, and national security even before COVID-19. But we know that the pandemic exacerbated those challenges.

As a Congress, we took steps, and I was proud of my work as part of the CHIPS and Science Act conference committee to help bring semiconductor manufacturing back home. But we all know we didn’t go far enough.

That’s why, in February of this year, I asked my colleagues to work with me to develop a comprehensive, credible, and resourced supply chains package to compete globally and create good-paying American jobs.

The Republican supply chains discussion draft we are considering today is a good start – but I believe that Mr. Bucshon and I can make it stronger. When I worked on the Supply CHAINS Act with Reps. Dingell, Kelly, and Wild, we solicited the input of over 160 businesses, trade associations, and other organizations to craft that policy.

In crafting our bill, Mr. Bucshon and I will continue to work with stakeholders so they can provide feedback.

We agreed that our compromise will ensure the federal government adopts that same spirit of collaboration – directing them to consult with all stakeholders, including labor and representatives from America’s workforce.

While we’re still working out the details of our agreement, Mr. Bucshon and I agree that supply chain legislation must underscore the need for focused leadership - dedicated to this issue!

That means developing a national strategy with specific and measurable goals. And that includes enhancing the federal government’s support to the private sector.

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If we are to be competitive with China – we must operate under the simple premise that if we can make it in America – we should!

We cannot and will not lose this competition, and I'm hopeful we will craft legislation that meets this moment.

Thank you, and I yield back.