

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Chuck Schumer  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
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Dear Majority Leader Schumer and Minority Leader McConnell,

In light of announced shutdowns at a major auto manufacturing facility in Georgia, we urge that the Senate move swiftly to pass legislation that will boost domestic production of semiconductors.

On Wednesday, May 19, Kia Georgia, Inc. announced it will temporarily close its plant in West Point, Georgia on May 27 and 28 due to the ongoing semiconductor shortage.

Semiconductors are vital to the production of most electronics and essential to the manufacturing of the approximately 340,000 Kia vehicles produced in Georgia every year. The COVID-19 pandemic has greatly strained global supply chains, leading to shortages that affect this Georgia plant, the workers, and their families in west Georgia. This is the second time in two months that Kia Georgia has announced a potential pause in production due to the semiconductor shortage.

American dependence on foreign suppliers of semiconductors is a strategic vulnerability for both our national and economic security, and ongoing shortages of this vital technology are directly harming workers and businesses in Georgia by disrupting operations of the Kia plant in West Point.

In light of this acute semiconductor shortage, we write today to urge expedited passage of the U.S. Innovation and Competition Act of 2021. This bill will provide \$52 billion in emergency appropriations to boost U.S. production of semiconductors and establish the Supply Chain Resiliency Program to prevent future shortages of essential materials and goods, such as semiconductors.

We must act swiftly and in a bipartisan manner to pass this legislation, which will boost American manufacturing of semiconductors and safeguard auto manufacturers like Kia Georgia against disruptions to the global supply chain. We urge that the Senate take immediate action.

Sincerely,



Jon Ossoff  
United States Senator



Reverend Raphael Warnock  
United States Senator