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The Honorable Eddie Bernice Johnson
Chairwoman
Committee on Science,
Space and Technology
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Frank Lucas
Ranking Member
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U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairwoman Johnson and Ranking Member Lucas:

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce supports H.R. 4609, the “National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST) for the Future Act.”

NIST enables U.S. global competitiveness through supporting the development of industry-led, voluntary consensus standards. In addition, NIST conducts research and development and convenes stakeholders to address policy challenges. The business community appreciates its long-standing partnership with NIST in areas such as artificial intelligence and biometrics, among many other important topics.

The Chamber appreciates the Committee’s continued bipartisan efforts to bolster our national research enterprise, including the effort to reauthorize NIST. The NIST for the Future Act would establish innovative programs to support U.S. global competitiveness and makes crucial investments in our future. The Chamber urges the Committee to advance this important legislation.

The Chamber looks forward to continuing to work with the Committee on a bipartisan basis to advance these efforts in support of H.R. 4609. Thank you again for consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely,

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cc: Members of the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology