

EMP Shield Announcement
Governor Laura Kelly Remarks
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Thank you, Lieutenant Governor Toland. It's good to be with so many of you – including Dr. Caron Daugherty – who have been steadfast in our efforts to create jobs and grow our economy.

80 years ago, during World War II, our nation was faced with a challenge — to build, in a very short period of time, the military capacity it would take for the U.S. and our allies to win.

The U.S. military called upon Kansas — and Kansas delivered. Wichita was at the heart of our nation's defense system, and we dramatically increased the production of the aircraft and ammunition needed to get the job done.

Ever since, Kansas has been at the heart of our national security efforts.

We continue that legacy with today's announcement.

Right now, computer chips – the technology that powers everything from cars to smartphones to broadband – are mostly made in China. That's a problem.

It means that both our national defense systems and the goods and services Americans rely upon are vulnerable to the whims of the Chinese Communist Party.

And it means that if there's a computer chip shortage – like we're experiencing right now – we have no control as prices skyrocket.

This is where EMP Shield comes in. The company is a leader in protecting our electronic devices from external threats, like the destructive magnetic pulses known as EMPs or the type that could be emitted from nuclear attacks.

Its expertise is exactly what our country needs today as we work to bring computer chip production back to the United States.

That's why I'm proud to announce that EMP Shield plans to invest \$1.9 billion dollars in a computer chip production facility that will produce thousands of chips per week...and with it, create 1,200 jobs.

These will be good-paying jobs – enough to support a Kansas family. Wages will average \$66,000 per year.

It's a big deal for Burlington and for the entire region.

We just announced a similar project in Wichita – Integra Technologies. Like Integra, EMP Shield will now use our support through various incentive programs to apply for federal CHIPS funds to round out the resources it needs to complete this expansion.

We look forward to supporting both applications throughout the process.

The fact that we have not one but two projects like this shows that we have enormous potential here in Kansas. Potential to take on national – even global – changes, potential to create more jobs, potential to lift every community – including our rural communities.

If we continue our laser focus on supporting our businesses like EMP Shield, we can unlock that potential and open the door to a new phase of growth for Kansas.

We have made enormous strides over the past few years. Companies – both homegrown and international – now look to Kansas as the place to succeed. We are bringing businesses to every corner of the state: Hilmar Cheese to Dodge City, Amber Wave to Phillipsburg, Bartlett Grain to Cherryvale, and of course, Panasonic to De Soto.

Our new way of doing business has made some amazing things happen here in our state. And I have no doubt that there is a strong and prosperous future on the horizon for Kansas and EMP Shield.

To tell you more about the company and its vision for the future, it's my pleasure to turn it over to EMP Shield's Founder and Lead Engineer, Tim Carty.

Thank you all!