There is an opportunity to advance packaging automation, as there are no recognized programs anywhere that train designers or engineers in packaging automation. My sense is that food packaging, in states such as California and Michigan the most diverse agricultural states in the US can benefit greatly. Also, it has been well documented that if food processing and packaging practices from western economies could be transferred to the rest of the world, we could potentially solve world hunger. There are also tremendous implications for food supply chain safety and security. Advanced Manufacturing is critical to this end.

Thank you!

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