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Dear Madam Speaker, Republican Leader McCarthy, Democratic Leader Schumer, and Republican Leader McConnell,

We the undersigned organizations thank and congratulate you for your work this summer to pass critical bipartisan science and technology (S&T) legislation in the Senate and House. The U.S. Innovation and Competition Act (USICA) and NSF for the Future Act and the investments they make in research, development, STEM education and other aspects of our S&T infrastructure, will help to secure our country's economic and national security for decades to come. Our organizations urge you to complete the progress by negotiating and passing a final bill.

This is a once in a generation opportunity to renew a federal focus on fortifying the engine of American innovation and it is critical for Congress to act upon on this moment. Science and technology have long driven our economy, assured national security, and improved lives nationally and globally. We have come to take such progress for granted, and have been underinvesting in S&T for decades. As a result, our global standing in research and development (R&D) has diminished and we are failing to cultivate a talented and diverse STEM workforce essential for sustained excellence.

While differences exist between USICA and NSF for the Future, the undersigned organizations agree that a final bill include the following essential elements:

- A critical infusion of resources in the S&T enterprise to meet and address societal and global challenges.
- Prioritization of STEM education to ensure a pipeline of well-trained students and researchers and a more diverse STEM workforce.

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- An investment in critical current and emerging technology areas so the US can continue to serve as the global leader in science and innovation.
- Policies to cultivate our nations innovation ecosystem

As you advance these important investments, we stand ready to work with you.

Sincerely,

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Chair Maria Cantwell (D-WA), U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce,
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