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

As members of the Science and Technology Action Committee (STAC), a non-partisan coalition of non-profit, academic, foundation and business leaders advocating for greater focus and funding of science and technology, we congratulate you for your hard work to pass critical and historic bipartisan science and technology (S&T) legislation, and now we urge your continued leadership to move the conference process along quickly towards a final bill.

The House and Senate versions of the Bipartisan Innovation Act make essential investments in research, development, STEM education and other aspects of the U.S. S&T infrastructure that will help to secure our country's economic and national security for decades to come.

We already know how valuable R&D investments – both government and private-sector funding – are to our long-term economic vitality and America's ability to lead the world as innovators. The Bipartisan Innovation Act has the power to strengthen U.S. technological leadership and fortify the U.S. economy. As Congress considers this once in a generation opportunity, STAC urges you to support science and technology policies that have long driven our economy, assured national security, and improved lives nationally and globally.

As conferees work swiftly on bridging the differences in the two bills, STAC urges you to consider the following priorities in the final package:

- A critical infusion of resources in the S&T enterprise to meet and address societal and global challenges.

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- Prioritization of STEM education to ensure a pipeline of well-trained students and researchers and a more diverse STEM workforce, as well as outstanding STEM educators by authorizing the National Science Corps program.
- An investment in critical current and emerging technology areas so the US can continue to serve as the global leader in science and innovation.
- Supporting regional innovation hubs. The prospect of expanding regional innovation and geographic diversity is crucial to preparing and employing a highly technical workforce across the country.

While differences exist between the House and Senate innovation bills, there are many more elements that are similar and thus we urge a swift agreement on a final bill. We stand ready to work with you.

Sincerely,

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