

April 24, 2023

The Honorable Patty Murray  
Chair  
Senate Appropriations Committee  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Susan Collins  
Vice Chair  
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The Honorable Kay Granger  
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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Chair Murray, Vice Chair Collins, Chair Granger, and Ranking Member DeLauro:

As Chairs 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 thank and congratulate you for your work last year on the critical CHIPS and Science Act.

The bipartisan passage of this landmark legislation last summer marked a major milestone in advancing key investments in science and technology that will fuel new innovations, strengthen domestic supply chains, build a robust talent pipeline of STEM workers, create jobs and expand the U.S. economy. While the year-end omnibus bill strove to fully fund many key provisions, critical pieces of the CHIPS and Science Act didn't receive the levels the bill authorized for FY23.

As we enter a new appropriations cycle for FY24, we ask that you finish the job with a robust 302(b) allocation for the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies (CJS) Appropriations Subcommittees. Such an allocation would allow the CJS Appropriations Subcommittee to fully fund the NSF and other premier science agencies at the levels authorized in the CHIPS and Science Act.

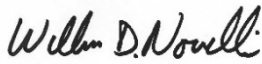
As the country's largest source of funding for basic research, the federal government plays a unique and critical role in supporting the R&D that keeps the United States at the forefront of innovations that improve our health, grow our economy and enhance our quality of life. Unfortunately, while we were once the uncontested global leader in science and technology, our competitive advantage has eroded in recent decades as other nations dramatically increased their own investments.

If we fail to substantially increase funding in R&D and STEM education in the next few years, these countries — particularly China — could overtake us by the end of the decade, resulting in

devastating impacts for the U.S., including fewer jobs, a weaker economy and greater threats to national security.

We thank you for all you continue to do for federally funded research and respectfully urge you and your colleagues to provide a robust CJS 302(b) allocation for FY24. With sufficient resources, the Subcommittees will be able to fuel the R&D investments necessary to meet our nation's greatest challenges and aspirations.

Sincerely,



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