

November 1, 2023

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
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The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Republican Leader
U.S. Senate
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The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Democratic Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Senate Majority Leader Schumer, Senate Republican Leader McConnell, Speaker Johnson, and House Democratic Leader Jeffries:

Our nation faces increased global competition for leadership in science, technology, and innovation. We need to meet this moment by advancing U.S. science and technology capabilities. Doing so will ensure that technologies lead to transformational improvements in health, wellness, quality of life, and security. Investments in advanced quantum computing, artificial intelligence, cell-based therapies, and other cutting-edge technologies are essential to meet the challenges our nation and our allies face today and in the future.

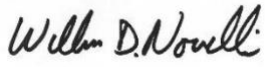
In the midst of conflicts around the globe, our country looks to your leadership in addressing these and other pressing challenges. At this critical moment, there is a clear and urgent need for supplemental FY24 funding to support American allies abroad, address the significant humanitarian crises stemming from these conflicts, and respond to urgent domestic needs.

As you negotiate the details of these funding packages, we urge you to prioritize funding for science and technology programs authorized in the 2022 CHIPS and Science Act to ensure our government and military are in a position to respond to very real challenges to our global leadership from China and other competitors. As co-chairs of the Science and Technology Action Committee (STAC), a non-partisan coalition of non-profit, academic, foundation, and business leaders, we are staunch advocates for federal investment in research and development. Nowhere do these investments pay better dividends than in the area of national security.

Moreover, by funding key investments in science and technology, we can fuel new innovations, strengthen domestic supply chains, and build a robust talent pipeline of STEM workers — all high priorities with tremendous bipartisan support. These investments will make our country safer and stronger, ensuring that new technological advancements are created here — not overseas.

We stand with you and look forward to working with you and the rest of the 118th Congress to accomplish this crucial mission.

Sincerely,



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