

September 5th, 2024

The Hon. Tom Cole
Chair
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U.S. House
Washington, DC 20515

The Hon. Patty Murray
Chair
Senate Appropriations Committee
U.S. Senate
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The Hon. Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
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The Hon. Susan Collins
Vice Chair
Senate Appropriations Committee
U.S. Senate
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Dear Chair Cole, Chair Murray, Ranking Member DeLauro, and Vice Chair Collins,

Thank you for the time and energy you have devoted to negotiating a budget compromise and for your continued work to manage the annual appropriations process. We urge you to take this opportunity to protect the nation's economic and national security through robust funding of science and technology by finalizing FY25 appropriations legislation by the end of the current calendar year. While a continuing resolution for FY25 funding is needed to fund the government after October 1, 2024, it's essential that Congress complete action on FY25 appropriations by December 2024.

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. We know the importance of S&T funding in our society – it affects everyone from the scientists and academics studying in our universities to those working on the ground in factories and communities across our country. This funding must be a priority and to delay it would be detrimental to our economic and national security.

We are so appreciative of your tireless efforts in advancing FY25 appropriations legislation and urge you to finish the job. Enactment of an FY25 continuing resolution beyond December 2024 will delay everything from cancer research at the National Institutes of Health to university partnerships at the National Science Foundation. Our federal agencies that support the S&T enterprise, need certainty and predictability to succeed. The passage of a continuing resolution will delay important and life-saving work and damage our country's scientific and technological advantage.

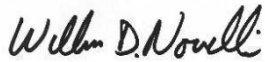
The American people understand the importance of government funding for science and technology to our future economy. Last year, our award-winning [The State of Science in](#)

[America](#) report found that 70% of respondents believe federal funding of S&T is so important it should be protected from budget cuts.

We are so appreciative of your efforts in advancing FY25 Appropriations funding and urge you to finish the job.

Thank you again, Chair Cole, Chair Murray, Ranking Member DeLauro, and Vice Chair Collins, for considering this request and for your efforts, and those of your respective staff members, on behalf of us all.

Sincerely,



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