SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY ACTION COMMITTEE

America's leadership in science & technology is seriously threatened. That's bad for all of us, including business. Join STAC to turn this around.

The Science & Technology Action Committee (STAC) is a group of <u>corporate</u>, <u>foundation</u>, <u>and academic leaders</u> with a strong voice in Washington and around the country. We engage with policymakers to invest in science and technology funding and other key policies through direct advocacy, policy briefings, media, and other actions.

The State of Science in America: Our <u>award-winning report</u> combines a survey of five sectors in the workplace with in-depth interviews of subject matter experts and makes recommendations for policy moving forward. It demonstrates the strong need to develop and fund a national S&T strategy focused on: investing in R&D, increasing the STEM workforce, maintaining our global competitiveness, and continuing American innovation.

Board, Dario Gil — a STAC member and IBM's SVP and Director of Research — said, "The business sector has long relied on the <u>federal government to make the crucial initial bets on new ideas across all scientific fields</u>. Many of the S&T advances that underpin today's commercial technologies and industries are rooted in research conducted decades before practical applications were realized. ... federal investment in fundamental research today enables the emerging industries of tomorrow." He also emphasized that federal investment in R&D is not keeping up.

America's lead over China and other countries is narrowing. Unless we change course now, our historic leadership in science and technology is at risk, and with it the enormous benefits to American businesses and the economy that propelled our nation forward in the past century.

Become a Business Partner with STAC: Your company's involvement will help us drive increased federal research, renewed national investment to train STEM workers and the advancement of new technologies to <u>outcompete China and the world</u>.

Working in Partnership: Your input will help shape our recommendations to policymakers, thought leaders, and the media. In turn, you will be kept informed, and we will provide useful strategies and information that you can share with your network. We will also provide regular, timely updates and discuss tactics and issues with your management and others as invited. Your financial contributions will directly fund our work.

The Bottom Line: Business leadership — including you — can turn this tide. Increased federal investment in S&T is necessary for our growth as a nation, job expansion, and security.

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