

September 17th, 2025

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

The Hon. Susan Collins  
Chair  
Senate Appropriations Committee  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

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

Thank you for the remarkable time and energy you have devoted to managing the annual appropriations process. Here, we wish both to express our appreciation and to urge you to assure our nation's global leadership in science and technology (S&T) by finalizing FY26 appropriations legislation by the end of the current calendar year.

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 hope you share our understanding that discoveries and innovation in S&T have been primary drivers in advancing our society, our health and quality of life, and our economy and national security.

Regretfully, we are currently experiencing the consequences of reduced federal support for S&T, due to the withholding of appropriated research funds and disruption of crucial National Science Foundation (NSF) and National Institutes of Health (NIH) programs at institutions in your districts and states – halting progress, crippling or ending careers of talented scientists, engineers, health professionals, and countless dedicated staff and service workers.

No further demonstration is needed of the importance of continued and continuous support of the U.S. research enterprise. Interruption of that support would impose economic damage equivalent to a major recession, undermine American competitiveness in key sectors, including artificial intelligence, quantum computing, medical innovations, and more, while constricting long-term income growth and productivity, and reducing government revenue.

Importantly, the American people are aligned with this vision – a recent 2025 poll from [the Science Coalition](#) found that 74% of voters support the federal government using taxpayer funds

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to invest in scientific research, with strong bipartisan support, and that 85% believe it is important for the United States to be the global leader in scientific research and technology.

We are enormously grateful for your efforts in advancing FY26 Appropriations funding. Thank you again, Chair Cole, Chair Collins, Ranking Member DeLauro, and Vice Chair Murray, 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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