

December 1st, 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  
U.S. House  
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The Hon. Patty Murray  
Vice Chair  
Senate Appropriations Committee  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chair Cole, Chair Collins, Ranking Member DeLauro, and Vice Chair Murray,

Thank you for the time and energy you have devoted to negotiating and managing the annual appropriations process. As you move toward finalizing funding levels for a number of FY26 bills, we urge you to protect the nation's economic security and the well-being of the American people through robust funding of crucial scientific priorities included in the Commerce Justice Science appropriations bill. Specifically, we urge you to support the funding levels included in the Senate version of the CJS appropriations bill.

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.

It is of the utmost importance to support the highest levels of funding for research and development. Cutting federal support for the U.S. research enterprise could cause long-term economic damage equivalent to a major economic recession and undermine American competitiveness in key economic sectors, including artificial intelligence, quantum computing, medical innovations, and more. America faces a science and technology brain drain that will only worsen with cuts to our research enterprise. Loss of funding to research institutions will drive top talent away, decimating America's workforce and playing right into our competitors' hands, enabling them to get ahead in the innovation race while we fall behind.

We are enormously grateful for your efforts in advancing FY26 Appropriations funding and urge you to support the CJS funding levels set in the Senate bill. Thank you again, Chair Cole, Chair

**SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY  
ACTION COMMITTEE**



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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