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Senator Al Franken  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC

Dear Senator Franken,

I write in support of your STEM Master Teacher Corps amendment. Thank you for your efforts to ensure we have properly trained STEM teachers for our next workforce generations. Nearly all of the top 30 fastest growing occupations requires STEM skills, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Statistics is no exception. A recent study by the McKinsey Global Institute projects that by 2018 the United States will need 140,000 to 190,000 more people with deep data analytical skills.

Focusing on retaining and rewarding effective STEM teachers, as your amendment does, is vital to making sure our nation's students have adequately trained STEM teachers in order to be successful in a globally competitive economy.

Thank you again for your STEM education leadership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ronald L. Wasserstein', written in a cursive style.

Ronald L. Wasserstein  
Executive Director