

November 17, 2010

The Honorable Dave Obey
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Alan Mollohan
Chair
Commerce, Justice, Science and Related
Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee
United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable Jerry Lewis
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable Frank Wolf
Ranking Member
Commerce, Justice, Science and Related
Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee
United States House of Representatives
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Dear Representatives Obey, Mollohan, Lewis, and Wolf:

Thank you for your strong support of the National Science Foundation (NSF) over the years and thus far in the Fiscal Year 2011 (FY11) budget process. As the FY11 appropriations are finalized, we the undersigned organizations urge you to maintain the \$7.4 billion budget level supported by the House CJS Appropriations Subcommittee, the Senate Appropriations Committee and the President. This budget level demonstrates an extraordinary commitment to address America's competitiveness by doubling the NSF budget over ten years, as authorized in the bipartisan 2007 *America COMPETES Act* and promoted by the President.

NSF is the only federal agency that supports research and education across all science and engineering disciplines. This support has led to many fundamental breakthroughs in these disciplines which in turn have contributed to U.S. technological innovation and therefore to our economic strength.

With the U.S. currently experiencing a challenging economic environment, robust investments in NSF should be viewed as part of a long-term strategy to address our economic vitality. Such funding is imperative to maintain a prosperous innovation pipeline, by training the innovation workforce, creating new products and improving current products.

Like you, we are concerned about U.S. economic well-being. The innovation pipeline is as important for future economic growth as it has been in the past, perhaps even more so.

We ask you to continue your commitment to address U.S. competitiveness through the vigorous support of basic research funding at NSF. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Samuel M. Rankin, III
Chair, Coalition for National Science Funding

Endorsing Organizations:

Afterschool Alliance
American Association of Physics Teachers
American Association for the Advancement
of Science
American Astronomical Society
American Chemical Society
American Educational Research Association
American Geological Institute
American Geophysical Union
American Institute for Medical and Biological
Engineering
American Institute of Biological Sciences
American Institute of Physics
American Mathematical Society
American Physical Society
American Physiological Society
American Psychological Association
American Society for Biochemistry &
Molecular Biology
American Society for Engineering Education
American Society for Microbiology
American Society of Agronomy
American Society of Civil Engineers
American Society of Limnology & Oceanography
American Society of Mechanical Engineers
American Society of Plant Biologists
American Sociological Association
American Statistical Association
Arctic Research Consortium of the U.S. (ARCUS)
Association for Psychological Science
Association for Women in Mathematics
Association of American Geographers
Association of American Medical Colleges
Association of American Universities
Association of Environmental & Engineering
Geologists
Association of Public and Land-grant Universities
Association of Research Libraries

Association of Science-Technology Centers
Association of Universities for Research in
Astronomy, Inc. (AURA)
Association of University Research Parks
Binghamton University
Biophysical Society
California Institute of Technology
Center for Inquiry
Coalition for Academic Scientific Computation
Coastal and Estuarine Research Federation
College of Saint Elizabeth
Columbia University
Computing Research Association
Consortium for Ocean Leadership
Consortium of Social Science Associations
Consortium of Universities for the Advancement
of Hydrologic Science
Cornell University
Council of Graduate Schools
Council on Food, Agricultural and Resource
Economics
Council on Undergraduate Research
Crop Science Society of America
Duke University
Earthquake Engineering Research Institute
Ecological Society of America
EDUCAUSE
Federation of American Societies for
Experimental Biology
Federation of Associations in Behavioral &
Brain Sciences
Federation of Materials Societies
Geological Society of America
Georgian Court University
Harvard University
Incorporated Research Institutions for Seismology
Indiana University
Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers

Endorsing Organizations (cont'd):

Kent State University
Lewis-Burke Associates
Linguistic Society of America
MWW Group
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Materials Research Society
Mathematical Association of America
Michigan State University
Museum of Science, Boston
National Corn Growers Association
National Council for Science and the Environment
National Ecological Observatory Network (NEON)
National Postdoctoral Association
National Science Teachers Association
National Society of Professional Engineers
North Carolina State University
Northwestern University
The Ohio State University
Oldaker, Belair & Wittie
Optical Society of America
Ornithological Council
Pennsylvania State University
Population Association of America/Association
of Population Centers
Princeton University
Protein Society
Purdue University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Rowan University
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
Seismological Society of America
Semiconductor Industry Association
Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics
Society for Neuroscience
Society for Research in Child Development
Soil Science Society of America
State University of New York (SUNY)
State University of New York at Stony Brook
Stevens Institute of Technology
University Corporation for Atmospheric Research
University of California
University of California, Davis
University of California, San Diego
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of Cincinnati
University of Florida
University of Michigan
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
University of Pittsburgh
University of Southern California
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