

November 17, 2010

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

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

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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,



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Molecular Biology  
American Society for Engineering Education  
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Association of Environmental & Engineering  
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Association of Research Libraries

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Astronomy, Inc. (AURA)  
Association of University Research Parks  
Binghamton University  
Biophysical Society  
California Institute of Technology  
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Columbia University  
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National Corn Growers Association  
National Council for Science and the Environment  
National Ecological Observatory Network (NEON)  
National Postdoctoral Association  
National Science Teachers Association  
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Northwestern University  
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Oldaker, Belair & Wittie  
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Pennsylvania State University  
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Society for Neuroscience  
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Soil Science Society of America  
State University of New York (SUNY)  
State University of New York at Stony Brook  
Stevens Institute of Technology  
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University of California  
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Yale University

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The Honorable Thad Cochran  
Ranking Member  
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The Honorable Barbara Mikulski  
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The Honorable Richard Shelby  
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