



**Science, Engineering and Technology Working Group Fueling America's Innovation**

April 7, 2008

President George W. Bush White House

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable John Boehner  
Minority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Harry Reid  
Majority Leader  
U.S. Senate

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Minority Leader  
U.S. Senate

Dear President Bush, Madam Speaker, Minority Leader Boehner, Majority Leader Reid, and Minority Leader McConnell:

On behalf of the professional society leaders who have signed this letter, we urge Congress and the Administration to restore Fiscal Year 2008 appropriations originally planned for science as you finalize the current Supplemental funding legislation,

At a minimum, \$500M for the National Science Foundation (NSF), the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Science, and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) should be considered as a non-defense supplemental appropriation in the coming weeks.

This level of funding would reinforce the baseline activities for these important contributors to global competitiveness, leadership, and innovation. These federal programs support many of our most strategic jobs and basic research capabilities while laying the groundwork for (Air future economy and workforce.

If America is to remain competitive in today's global economy, support for groundbreaking research must become a national priority. U.S. investment in basic science and education not only underwrites our standing as a technological leader but also bolsters our national economy, our medical and healthcare innovations, and our national security.

The physical sciences, mathematics, engineering, biomedical engineering, geological sciences, computational sciences, environmental sciences, and many other important fields of fundamental research are all affected by these federal government investments.

The passage of America COMPETES Act as well as the budget proposals regarding the American Competitive Initiative (ACT) have been regarded by so many in our community as an

indication that Congress and the Administration can approach science in a bipartisan way with a view towards the future for the nation.

We are at a defining moment that has been described as "Rising Above the Gathering Storm" and this issue will require your collective will and devotion, Your personal investment of time and priority to this request for supplemental funding is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



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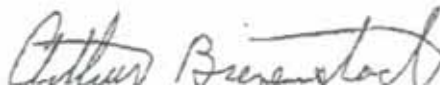
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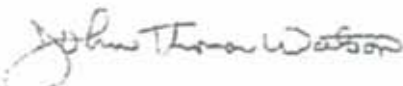
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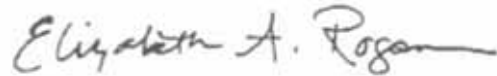
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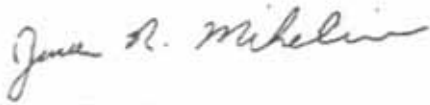
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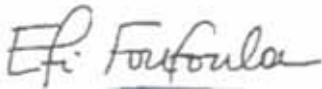
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