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The Honorable Rush Holt
 U.S. House of Representatives
 1019 Longworth House Office Building
 Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Holt:

The Federation of American Scientists warmly supports your legislative proposals to encourage students to take advantage of scholarships available in STEM fields in the Scholarship Database (H.R. 5139) and the Congressional Teacher Award to reward excellence in science teaching (5140).

These bills provide creative new directions in a much needed national effort to strengthen the nation's educational system, particularly in the area of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education.

The Scholarship Database would serve a critical need making it easier to match students with programs that most closely track their needs. Many students who could benefit from available programs miss opportunities simply because they don't know they exist. This tool will be particularly helpful for a generation of students adept at using web-based tools to locate information.

The key to excellence in education will always be great teachers, people who combine a mastery of the subject, an ability to communicate the beauty and the power of the concepts, and a skill in helping students with many different backgrounds. By recognizing the importance of these skills the Congressional Teacher Award can do a great deal to attract and hold excellent teachers.

We at FAS applaud your longstanding support for strengthening America's educational program and the creative ideas you've brought to the debate. We look forward to working actively with you to build support for your legislation.

Sincerely,

Henry Kelly
President

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