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Representative Rush Holt
NJ District #12
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Dear Representative Holt:

On behalf of Stevens Institute of Technology, I endorse and support H.R. 5139, to direct the Secretary of Education to establish and maintain a public web site through which individuals may find a complete database of available scholarships, fellowships, and other programs of financial assistance in the study of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

As the recent report, *Rising Above the Gathering Storm* (National Academies Press, 2005), stated, "Without high-quality, knowledge-intensive jobs, and the innovative enterprises that lead to discovery and new technology, our economy will suffer and our people will face a lower standard of living. Economic studies conducted before the information technology revolution have shown that...as much as 85% of measured growth in the US income per capita is due to technological change." Our nation must do everything possible to encourage, facilitate, and support those who will develop new technologies, solve critical infrastructure and homeland security challenges, and advance frontiers in nanotechnology, biomedicine, and other emerging fields.

We applaud this initiative to create resources that address this national need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in green ink that reads "Beth McGrath". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Beth McGrath
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