

April 26, 2010

The Honorable Bart Gordon
Chairman
House Science and Technology
Committee
2321 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Ralph Hall
Ranking Member
House Science and Technology
Committee
H2-394 Ford House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Gordon and Ranking Member Hall:

The bipartisan America COMPETES Act enacted in 2007 has played and continues to play a crucial role in outlining our nation's path forward in the global economy by fostering innovation and keeping the United States competitive. Investments in research and a highly educated workforce, which the America COMPETES Act prescribes, are essential to continued success in making scientific discoveries and developing cutting-edge technologies. The institutions of higher education listed below write to express our strong support for reauthorizing the America COMPETES Act this year.

As universities from across the country, we recognize the fiscal challenges facing the nation, and believe the funding of research and STEM education are investments that the country must continue. For that reason, we support sustained and continued increases in the authorized funding levels for the National Science Foundation, the Department of Energy Office of Science, and the National Institute of Standards and Technology. We also support a five-year authorization period for these agencies as a clear signal that it is the intent of Congress to provide a stable trajectory for our nation's research enterprise. Finally, we hope this reauthorization continues to strengthen STEM education programs that will build the skills and talent capacity of the United States necessary to staff the nation's research and industrial base.

Therefore, we urge bipartisan support for the quick passage of legislation to reauthorize the COMPETES Act. We appreciate the efforts the Committee has made to date and we look forward to working with both the Committee and congressional leadership as the legislation moves forward.

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Barbara
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University of Illinois at Urbana-
Champaign
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University of Kansas
University of Kentucky
University of Maryland
University of Michigan
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