

April 16, 2008

The Honorable Harry Reid  
Majority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
S-221 U.S. Capitol Building  
Washington, DC 20510-7020

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Minority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
S-230 U.S. Capitol Building  
Washington, DC 20510-7010

Dear Majority Leader Reid and Republican Leader McConnell:

As leaders of America's business, academic and research communities, we are deeply concerned about the state of our country's competitive position in the world. Though there are many issues relevant to protecting our interests in the global marketplace, none is more pressing than the need for additional funding for scientific research and science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education.

As you work with the President on a supplemental appropriations request for the current fiscal year, we ask that you include funding for scientific research and STEM education.

Such action will allow for the fulfillment of the commitments made in the *America COMPETES Act* enacted last summer.

As our country struggles to stabilize our economy and build for the future, an immediate commitment to research and education funding is both timely and relevant. This is an urgent and necessary step that will enhance our country's economic strength, our competitiveness and allow for continued innovation.

Sincerely,

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