

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,

ACE Clearwater Enterprises
AeA (American Electronics Association)
ASHRAE
ASME
ASTRA, The Alliance for Science & Technology Research
in America
Academy of Science of St. Louis
Accenture
Accudata Technologies
Action Manufacturing Company
The Adhesive and Sealant Council, Inc.
Advanced Digital Manufacturing LLC
Aerospace Industries Association
Agilent Technologies
Allied Mineral Products, Inc.
Altera Corporation
Altshuller Institute for TRIZ Studies
Alvaka Networks
American Association of Physics Teachers
American Association of Physicists in Medicine
American Chemical Society
The American Council of Engineering Companies
American Council of Engineering Companies of Kansas
American Council on International Personnel
American Mathematical Society

American Society of Plant Biologists
American Statistical Association
Apple, Inc.
Applied Materials, Inc.
Arizona State University
ASSET InterTech, Inc.
Associated Industries of Massachusetts
Association for Science Teacher Education
Association of American Universities
Automation Products Group Inc.
Baltimore Washington Corridor Chamber of
Commerce
Battelle
The Boeing Company
Brown University
Business-Higher Education Forum
Business Roundtable
Cadence Design Systems, Inc.
California Manufacturing Technology
Consulting
Carnegie Learning, Inc.
Carnegie Mellon University
Center for Excellence in Education (CEE)
CFO Advisory Services, LP
The Civic Council of Greater Kansas City

CollinsConsults
Compete America
Computing Research Association
Computing Technology Industry Association
Cornell University
Council on Competitiveness
Delphi Corporation
The Dow Chemical Company
Duke University
Eastman Chemical Company
Eaton Corporation
Education Development Center, Inc.
The Education Partnership of Rhode Island
EDS
E.R. Wagner Manufacturing Company
Endwave Corporation
Entomological Foundation, Inc
The Federation of American Societies for Experimental
Biology
Florida State University
Freescale Semiconductor, Inc.
General Atomics
The Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce
Harvard University
Hewlett-Packard Company
IBM Corporation
IEEE-USA
The Institute of Food Technologists (IFT)
IS Squared, Inc.
Illinois Manufacturers' Association
Illinois Technology Association
Indiana University
Indyme Solutions, Inc.
Infineon Technologies North America Corporation
Information Technology Association of America (ITAA)
Information Technology Industry Council
Inovise Medical
Intel Corporation
Intelligent Optical Systems Inc.
International Technology Education Association
Intersil Corporation
Iovation, Inc.
Iowa Business Council
JETS
Kansas Bioscience Authority
Kansas City Area Life Sciences Institute
Kansas State University
Knowledge Alliance
Koller Enterprises, Inc.
Laurel Electronics Inc.
Lawrence, Kansas Chamber of Commerce
Learning.com
LSI Corporation
Lourdes College
Maryland Science Center
Mass Insight

Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Materials Research Society
Math for America
Mathematical Association of America
Matheson TriGas
The McGraw-Hill Companies
Mercury Computer Systems
Michigan State University
Michigan Technological University
Microsoft Corporation
Miles Fiberglass & Composites Inc.
Molded Fiber Glass North Carolina
Mordige Manufacturing Company
Motorola
NASULGC, A Public University Association
Nanoventions
National Association of Biology Teachers
National Association of Manufacturers
National Association of Marine Labs
National Center for Optics and Photonics
Education (OP-TEC)
National Council of Teachers of Mathematics
National Defense Industrial Association
The National GEM Consortium
National Science Teachers Association
Nevada Mathematics Council
New Mexico State University
New York University
Northern Illinois University
Northwestern University
NXP Semiconductors USA Inc
The Ohio State University
Ohio Technology Education Association
Oklahoma Business and Education Coalition
Omega Design Corporation
OMRON Scientific Technologies Inc.
Online Strategic Systems Corporation
Optical Society of America
Optoelectronics Industry Development
Association
Oracle
Pariveda Solutions, Inc.
PASCO Scientific
Penn State University
Perlick Corp
Photronics, Inc.
Praxair, Inc.
Precision Engine Controls Corporation
Princeton University
Procter & Gamble
Project Exploration
Public Broadcasting Service
Public School Forums of North Carolina
Purdue University
Qualcomm
R.B. Zack & Associates, Inc.

RAE Systems
Red Bud Industries, Inc.
Red Hat
Reed Elsevier, Inc.
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Reside, LLC
Roaring Spring Blank Book Co.
Rockwell Automation
The Refractories Institute
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
SAE International
SAS
Salesforce.com
The Science Coalition
Semiconductor Equipment and Materials International
Semiconductor Industry Association
Semiconductor Research Corporation (SRC)
Siemens
Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics
The Society for Research in Child Development
Software & Information Industry Association
Spanion, Inc.
Spectral Response, Inc.
SPIE - The International Society for Optics and Photonics
St. Jude Medical Inc
Special-Lite, Inc.
Stanford University
State Farm Insurance Companies
The State University of New York
Stony Brook University
SUMCO Phoenix Corporation
Symantec Corporation
Syracuse University
Tango Networks
Teachers Clearinghouse for Science and Society
Education, Inc.
Technology CEO Council
Technology Is Elementary
Tech-X Corporation
Telect Inc.
Texas Instruments
Texas State University
TietoEnator Majiq Inc.
Tirraappendi, Inc.
Triangle Coalition Science and Technology Education
TriQuint Semiconductor
Unisys Corporation
University at Buffalo
University of Arkansas
University of California
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Davis
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, Riverside
University of California, San Diego

University of California, San Francisco
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of California, Santa Cruz
University of Central Florida
University of Chicago
University of Cincinnati
University of Dayton
University of Illinois at Chicago
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
The University of Iowa
University of Kansas
University of Maryland
University of Michigan
The University of Minnesota
University of Missouri
University of Nebraska
University of Oregon
University of Pittsburgh
University of Southern California
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
University of Wisconsin-Madison
U.S. Chamber of Commerce
Vanderbilt University
Verigy
Vermeer Corporation
Vernier Software & Technology
Williams-Pyro, Inc.
Xantrex Corporation
Xerox Corporation
Yale University
Zendex Corporation