October 18, 2006

Chairman Pete Domenici  Ranking Member Harry Reid
Committee on Appropriations  Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Energy and Water  Subcommittee on Energy and Water
Dirksen Building 127  Dirksen Building 156
Washington, DC 20510  Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Domenici and Ranking Member Reid:

As leaders in the American business, academic and scientific communities, we write to express our appreciation for your work on the Fiscal Year 2007 Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations bill. Your leadership resulted in the Senate bill fully funding the American Competitiveness Initiative by increasing funding for the Department of Energy’s Office of Science. This funding, a total of $4.241 billion, would strengthen basic research and help keep America at the forefront of technological and scientific innovation.

As the appropriations process draws to a close and difficult choices must be made, we urge you to protect this science funding so that it is enacted this year. We offer our strong support and look forward to working with you to secure this important funding and ensure sustained scientific advancement and innovation.

Thank you again for your leadership.

Sincerely,

THE INNOVATION AND COMPETITIVENESS COALITION
October 18, 2006

Chairman Richard C. Shelby   Ranking Member Barbara A. Mikulski
Committee on Appropriations  Committee on Appropriations
Commerce, Justice, and Science  Commerce, Justice, and Science
S-146A The Capitol  Hart Building 123
Washington, DC 20510  Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Shelby and Ranking Member Mikulski:

As leaders in the American business, academic and scientific communities, we write to express our appreciation for your work on the Fiscal Year 2007 Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations bill. Your leadership resulted in the Senate bill funding the American Competitiveness Initiative. This funding, a total of nearly $6 billion for the National Science Foundation and $658 million for the core accounts of the National Institute of Standards and Technology would strengthen basic research and help keep America at the forefront of technological and scientific innovation.

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Thank you again for your leadership.

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Chairman Dave Hobson                  Ranking Member Peter J. Visclosky
Committee on Appropriations            Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Energy and Water       Subcommittee on Energy and Water
2362B Rayburn House Office Building    1016 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515                  Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Hobson and Ranking Member Visclosky:

As leaders in the American business, academic and scientific communities, we write to express our appreciation for your work on the Fiscal Year 2007 Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations bill. Your leadership resulted in the House bill fully funding the American Competitiveness Initiative by increasing funding for the Department of Energy’s Office of Science. This funding, a total of $4.132 billion, would strengthen basic research and help keep America at the forefront of technological and scientific innovation.

As the appropriations process draws to a close and difficult choices must be made, we urge you to protect this science funding so that it is enacted this year. We offer our strong support and look forward to working with you to secure this important funding and ensure sustained scientific advancement and innovation.

Thank you again for your leadership.

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THE INNOVATION AND COMPETITIVENESS COALITION
October 18, 2006

Chairman Frank Wolf
Committee on Appropriations
Commerce, Justice, and Science
H-309 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Ranking Member Alan B. Mollohan
Committee on Appropriations
Commerce, Justice, and Science
1016 Longworth Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Wolf and Ranking Member Mollohan:

As leaders in the American business, academic and scientific communities, we write to express our appreciation for your work on the Fiscal Year 2007 Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations bill. Your leadership resulted in the House bill funding the American Competitiveness Initiative. This funding, a total of $6.02 billion for the National Science Foundation and $535 million for the National Institute of Standards and Technology core accounts would strengthen basic research and help keep America at the forefront of technological and scientific innovation.

As the appropriations process draws to a close and difficult choices must be made, we urge you to protect this science funding so that it is enacted this year. We offer our strong support and look forward to working with you to secure this important funding and ensure sustained scientific advancement and innovation.

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