



November 23, 2021

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer  
Senate Majority Leader  
322 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House  
1236 Longworth H.O.B.  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Senate Minority Leader  
317 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
House Minority Leader  
2468 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Leaders Schumer and McConnell, Speaker Pelosi, and Minority Leader McCarthy,

The Coalition for National Science Funding (CNSF) welcomes the recent announcement from leaders Schumer and Pelosi indicating Congress will move to conference the Senate US Innovation and Competition Act (USICA) with related House measures, including the National Science Foundation (NSF) for the Future Act. Increasing our investment in NSF is essential to ensuring that the U.S. maintains its global leadership role in economic competitiveness, innovation, and national security because NSF is the premier federal agency for funding basic research and supporting scientists and engineers in a wide range of scientific and technical fields.

CNSF, a coalition of organizations united in support for strong and sustained funding for the NSF, respectfully urges that you ensure that the final conference report includes robust sustainable growth in authorized funding for both existing NSF programs – including research, education, and infrastructure efforts across all areas of science and engineering – as well as for a proposed new directorate. Funding levels for NSF have not been authorized since 2013, and strong authorization legislation for all components of NSF will provide guidance for future programs and establish bipartisan targets for appropriations in later years.

Many of the NSF provisions in both House and Senate legislative approaches will require new or changed activities at the Foundation. We encourage Congress to ensure that the final conference agreement provides the agency with sufficient flexibility to implement these activities, and that appropriations in future years allow growth to fully realize the authorized activities.

The CNSF community is encouraged by the forthcoming conference consideration of these bills, and asks that the final bill reflect a bipartisan, bicameral commitment to maintaining U.S. global competitiveness through increased long-term investments in NSF research and education programs.

Sincerely,



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American Economic Association  
American Association for the Advancement of  
Science  
American Association of Geographers  
American Association of Physicists in Medicine  
(AAPM)  
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American Educational Research Association  
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Engineering (AIMBE)  
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American Physiological Society  
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Florida State University  
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Cc: Chair Cantwell, Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee  
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