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AAU PRAISES REPS. WOLF, BOEHLERT, EHLERS FOR INTRODUCTION OF THE MATH AND SCIENCE INCENTIVE ACT OF 2005

Following is a statement by Nils Hasselmo, President of the Association of American Universities, on the Math and Science Incentive Act of 2005, introduced today by Reps. Frank Wolf (R-VA), Sherwood Boehlert (R-NY), and Vernon Ehlers (R-MI).


There is no more important priority for strengthening our economy and raising living standards than to maintain our nation’s leadership in research and innovation. There is no better way to maintain our global leadership in innovation than to invest in our future scientists, engineers, and mathematicians and those who teach them. This legislation sends a message to our young people that their country values science, and that by choosing a career in science, math, engineering, or teaching in these fields, they will be serving the national interest. Whether working for innovative solutions to future defense and homeland security challenges, finding new sources of energy, increasing computing capacity, discovering the origins of the universe, or curing diseases, scientists, engineers, and mathematicians satisfy our need for knowledge and find practical solutions to our most serious problems.

We look forward to working with Mr. Wolf and other supporters of science, engineering, and mathematics to invest in the people who keep our country strong.

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