

Support funding for the National Science Foundation (NSF) in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023

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DEADLINE: Monday, April 25, 2022 at 7 p.m.

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Dear Colleague:

We urge you to join us in sending the attached letter to the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee to request that the National Science Foundation (NSF) receive at least \$11 billion in funding for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023.

Millions of American lives are improved by the research and inventions made possible from the NSF. And as of recently, we are all kept safer through advanced viral screening of SARS-CoV-2 to help navigate the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. At home, which has doubled as a workplace for many Americans over the past two years, we have benefitted from the ability to communicate with clients and businesses using high-definition video conferencing. NSF research funding makes those types of breakthroughs possible because the NSF is the only federal agency that supports essential education and research across all science and engineering fields.

Investing in the NSF is critical to our nation remaining competitive in the global economy. According to the National Science Board's (NSB) Vision 2030 report competitor nations continue to make great advancements in science and technology due to their significant investment in Research & Development (R&D) where the United States share of global spending has decreased significantly and U.S. K-12 mathematics and science scores are well below other nations and remains stagnant. Given these findings, it is essential for the United States to invest in NSF's education programs, including K-12 STEM education, undergraduate and graduate education and training, and informal education programs.

We respectfully request your support to ensure that the NSF receives at least \$11 billion for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022. We feel this amount is the minimum level of funding needed to prepare future generations to help our nation remain a world economic leader and to reflect the rising costs of research. To sign on, please use Quill through [THIS LINK](#), or through the automated email notification Quill distributed once this letter became open to signatures. Should you have any questions, please contact AJ Malicdem in Representative Butterfield's office at [aj.malicdem@mail.house.gov](mailto:aj.malicdem@mail.house.gov) or Alex Weixel in Representative McKinley's office at [alexander.weixel@mail.house.gov](mailto:alexander.weixel@mail.house.gov). **The deadline to sign the letter is April 25, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

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