

TASK FORCE ON THE FUTURE OF AMERICAN INNOVATION

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The Honorable David R. Obey
Chairman, House Committee on Appropriations
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The Honorable Jerry Lewis
Ranking Member, House Committee on Appropriations
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The Honorable Pete Visclosky
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The Honorable David Hobson, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Energy and Water
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Dear Sirs:

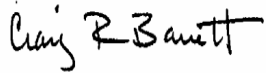
On behalf of the Task Force on the Future of American Innovation, thank you for your strong support for U.S. economic competitiveness as demonstrated by the substantial increase in resources for the Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Science included in the Fiscal Year 2008 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill.

This task force, which represents much of the nation's business, scientific, and research university communities, cares deeply about maintaining America's competitive edge through our global leadership in research and innovation. This requires a substantial new investment in the nation's key science agencies, including the DOE Office of Science. Speaker Pelosi and President Bush have both proposed to double research funding at the Office of Science, the National Science Foundation, and the National Institute of Standards and Technology over ten years, and this bill more than follows through on those plans.

The funding level in your bill for the Office of Science would significantly advance America's economic competitiveness and would help to accelerate the creation of high-wage jobs in high-value-added industries in this country. The Office of Science funds more physical sciences research than any other federal agency. By supporting basic scientific research at U.S. universities, the Office of Science helps drive the innovation economy by creating new scientific knowledge and by educating and training young scientists and engineers, the innovators of tomorrow. The Office of Science also builds and operates advanced scientific user facilities, including advanced supercomputers, that give American scientists and engineers a leg up on the competition in conducting research. This helps to ensure that the technologies of the future, such as nanotechnology, are developed here in the United States.

Thank you again for your excellent work on this legislation. We look forward to working with you to ensure its enactment. It is our hope that robust funding for the Office of Science can be maintained through the remainder of the appropriations process.

Sincerely,



Craig R. Barrett
Chairman of the Board
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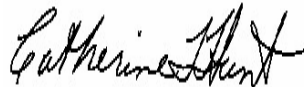
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