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The Honorable Hal Rogers The Honorable Matt Cartwright

Chairman, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Commerce,

and Science Justice, and Science

House Committee on Appropriations

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Dear Chairman Rogers and Ranking Member Cartwright:

We write to respectfully request that you support robust funding of \$10.18 billion, matching the President's budget request, for the National Science Foundation (NSF) in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill.

The nation faces urgent competitiveness challenges, and NSF funding is critical to ensuring our innovation ecosystem is prepared to lead the world in the emerging technologies that are key to economic security and our national defense. For nearly 75 years, NSF has advanced the frontiers of the full spectrum of science and engineering research and innovation.

The CHIPS and Science Act directed NSF to expand its mission towards transforming innovation ecosystems with the new Technology, Innovation, and Partnerships (TIP) Directorate; address growing workforce gaps in emerging technology areas by expanding its efforts in STEM education and broadening participation programs; expand regional innovation; and address the need for basic science and engineering research that lays the foundation for the future. NSF cannot realize this Congressional vision without adequate funding.

Despite strong bipartisan support for NSF, the agency suffered cuts in the difficult FY24 funding environment. Many programs authorized in 2022 will be stalled or suspended, including the advancement of important regional innovation efforts.

For these reasons, we encourage you to robustly fund the National Science Foundation, in line with the President's budget request, in FY2025. We must ensure our nation remains at the forefront of scientific and technological innovation across all fields of research.

Sincerely,

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