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The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
H-307, The U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
H-307, The United States Capitol
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The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Chair
Senate Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
S-128, The U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Richard Shelby
Vice Chairman
Senate Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
S-128, The U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro, Chairman Leahy, Ranking Member Granger, and Vice Chairman Shelby:

First and foremost, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your leadership during the fiscal year 2023 (FY23) appropriations process thus far. I am encouraged by the many crucial increases for higher education programs and science research included in both the Senate and House bills. However, I am greatly concerned that Congress has yet to pass FY23 appropriations and complete the commitment Congress made with the successful passage of the bipartisan CHIPS and Science Act of 2022.

The enactment of the CHIPS and Science Act is a crucial step for the U.S. to maintain its global leadership in research, technology, and innovation, which are critical for economic growth and national security. The bill provides critical reauthorization for U.S. research agencies including the National Science Foundation (NSF), the Department of Energy's Office of Science, and the National Institutes of Standards and Technology. Additionally, the bill authorizes a new use-inspired research technology directorate at NSF, enabling the world's preeminent fundamental science research agency to add new efforts to bolster American innovation. This transformative legislation exemplifies the great achievements Congress can accomplish when both parties work together to prioritize our economy as well as American science and innovation.

I am appreciative that Congress made significant investments in R&D when determining the FY22 funding levels; however, the FY23 appropriations bills provide an essential opportunity to significantly increase our nation's investment in science and technology, address national challenges, reclaim our lead in international competition, and ensure the CHIPS and Science Act authorized funding levels are matched. Failing to make these necessary investments through the

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appropriations process are simply unacceptable. The CHIPS and Science Act must be step one in a process that ultimately includes Congress delivering the funding that will accomplish the goals of this essential legislation.

I express my sincere appreciation for your steadfast leadership and stand by ready to assist you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maurie McInnis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Maurie McInnis, PhD
President, Stony Brook University

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