

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

October 2, 2012

The Honorable Jeffrey Zients
Acting Director
The Office of Management and Budget
725 17th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Director Zients:

As you continue your work on the President's Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2014, we write to you in support of basic science research, including through the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the National Science Foundation (NSF), the Department of Energy Office of Science (DOE), NOAA, NASA, and others. These agencies and the funding that they provide for science research are the bedrock of American innovation and advancement in technology, medicine, industry, and our understanding of the world around us.

Even in the current environment of budgetary constraints, investments in basic science research pay for themselves many times over. Federally funded science research has directly created thousands of high-wage jobs and spurred growth in the fields of manufacturing, biotechnology, clean energy, and many more. NIH funding in California alone helped generate over 70,000 jobs and nearly \$8 billion in economic activity in 2010.

From the Internet to cell phones, from GPS to the Human Genome Project, our lives and our economy have been vastly improved by wise investment in research at the federal level. A recent study found that publicly-funded research was cited in almost 50% of patents for all drugs approved by the FDA from 1988 to 2005 and 65% of the most important, priority-review drugs.

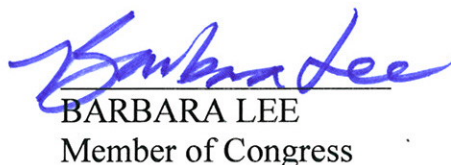
The funding that our research universities, our national laboratories, and the other globally renowned institutions across the nation receive from the NIH, NSF, DOE, and other federal agencies supports the expert scientists who perform cutting-edge research that drives American innovation in technology and drives the American economy. Thousands of California companies put this cutting-edge research to work every day.

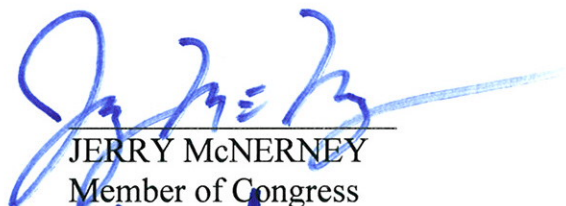
This engine for progress and economic growth cannot be sustained without strong, continued investment from the federal government. We respectfully urge you to

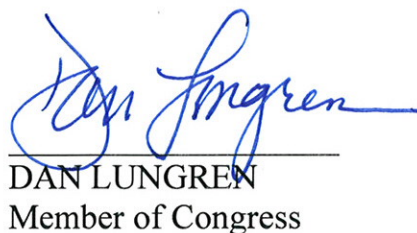
support the crucial nexus between scientific discovery and economic growth by supporting science research as a priority in the FY 2014 budget.

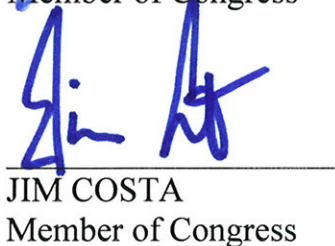
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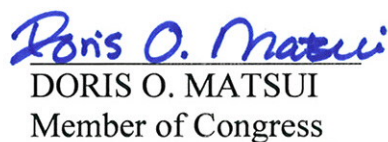

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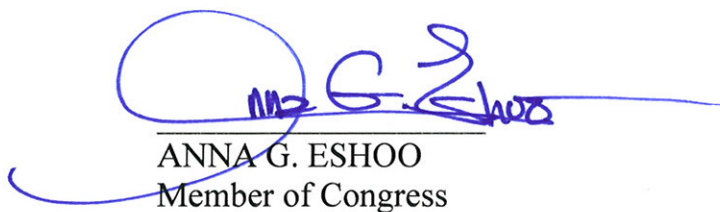

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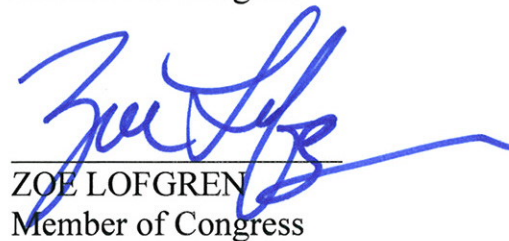

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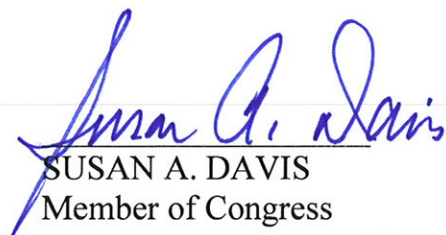

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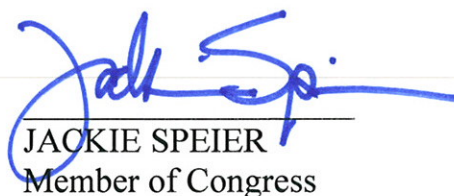

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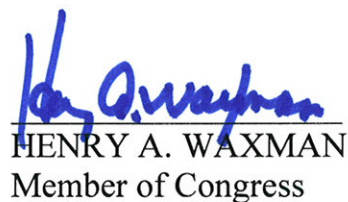

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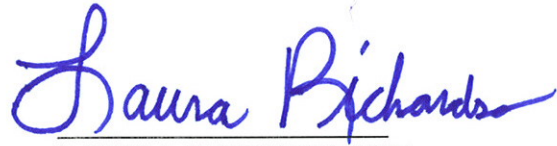

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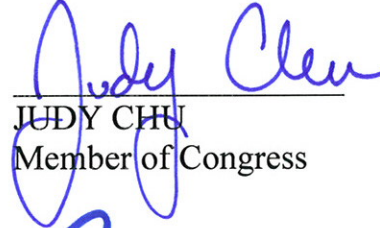
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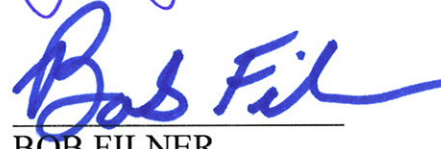
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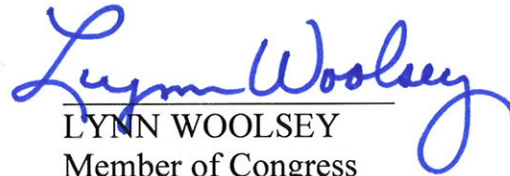
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