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Sign on to Urge Support for the COMPETES Act

The Task Force for American Innovation, joined by APLU and the Association of American Universities, is looking for organizations to sign on to the following letter that will be sent to Sens. Harry Reid (D-NV) and Mitch McConnell (R-KY), with copies sent to all Members of the Senate. If your organization would like to sign on to this letter, please complete the form below.

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TEXT OF THE LETTER

The community of industry, academic, and professional organizations listed below join in urging the Senate to pass the reauthorization of the America COMPETES Act in time to work with the House to make it possible for the President to sign this important legislation into law before the end of this Congress.

The original America COMPETES Act, enacted with strong bipartisan support in 2007, was designed to respond to concerns raised by the seminal National Academies' report, *Rising Above the Gathering Storm*. The Act has played a crucial role in charting our nation's path forward by focusing attention on the critical steps our nation must take to foster innovation and keep the United States competitive in the global economy - investing in basic research and our workforce through effective STEM programs. However, the original COMPETES Act was meant to be the first, three-year installment of a longer-term commitment toward achieving these goals. Sustaining these investments in research, and developing a highly educated, scientifically literate workforce are both essential to our country's continued success in making the scientific discoveries and developing the cutting-edge technologies that will propel our economy in the future.

As you know, the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation approved S. 3605, the America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010, in July; and the Committees on Energy and Natural Resources and Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions are ready to add their portions of the legislation when it is brought forward for consideration on the Senate floor. We believe that this bill will once again have the overwhelming bipartisan support it garnered in 2007, and we urge the Senate to recognize the continued importance of the America COMPETES initiative by passing the bill this year.

We recognize the dire fiscal challenges facing the nation and the difficult choices on federal spending that policymakers must make. Continued strong funding of basic research and STEM education programs will help ensure the economic growth needed to restore long-term fiscal strength and national prosperity.

We look forward to working with you to help advance and enact this vital legislation.

America COMPETES Act- Sign on Letter

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