

# Working with Congress: A Guide for Scientists & Engineers

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### Why Get Involved? A Message from Congress...

- ◆ "The future of science funding will depend on many things beyond your control - the macroeconomic situation, the nature of competing needs, etc. But it will also depend on how actively you can make people like me understand why what you're about is important to our nation." House Science Committee Chairman Sherwood Boehlert (R-NY) address at Brookhaven National Laboratory, March 2004.
- ◆ "You can change the image of things to come. But you can't do it wringing your hands, and you can't do it sitting on your fingers, you've got to get out and get involved and defend science as you have never defended science before. ....I suggest that the best way to do that is to recount to them over and over again. . . that the economic destiny of America lies in science and technology... And if we don't invest in research, and we don't inspire our children, and if we don't educate them in Congress, the competition out there, and China is a good example, but Europe also, will begin to eat our scientific lunch." John Porter, former chairman of the House Labor-HHS Appropriations Subcommittee (R-IL), AAAS Post-Election Seminar, December 2004.



## How to Get Involved?

Joel Widder – Lewis-Burke &  
Associates, Senate Appropriations,  
National Science Foundation

Toby Smith – Association of American  
Universities, University of Michigan,  
MIT, Rep. Bob Traxler (D-MI)



### Other Resources

- ◆ R&D Budget – [www.aaas.org/spp/rd](http://www.aaas.org/spp/rd)
- ◆ WWC – [www.aaas.org/spp/cstc/wwc](http://www.aaas.org/spp/cstc/wwc)
- ◆ AAU – [www.aau.edu](http://www.aau.edu)
- ◆ Science Coalition – [www.sciencecoalition.org](http://www.sciencecoalition.org)
- ◆ NSF – [www.cnsfweb.org](http://www.cnsfweb.org)
- ◆ DOD – [www.cnsronline.org](http://www.cnsronline.org)
- ◆ R&D Caucus – [www.researchcaucus.org](http://www.researchcaucus.org)
- ◆ AIP - <http://www.aip.org/gov/>
- ◆ AAAS Science & Policy Programs –  
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