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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House  
U.S. House of Representatives  
235 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Madame Speaker:

On behalf of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), the nation's largest general scientific organization, I am writing to thank you for your support of federal research and development (R&D) funding as outlined in the Joint Funding Resolution for fiscal year 2007.

The Joint Funding Resolution provides critical funding increases for the National Science Foundation, Department of Energy Office of Science, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) laboratories, and National Institutes of Health. These agencies support and sustain a range of scientific research programs that harness the critical interactions of the physical, biological, behavioral, and social sciences. It reflects a balanced portfolio of R&D investments that will contribute to innovation and to the improvement of the economy, health, education and quality of life of all Americans.

We recognize that Congress faced many competing priorities and made difficult decisions to complete the fiscal year 2007 appropriations process. The scientific community thanks you for your leadership and commitment to our nation's future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan I. Leshner'.

Alan I. Leshner

cc: Melissa Shannon