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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), the world's largest general scientific organization, thank you for passing the America COMPETES Act (H.R. 5116) yesterday. AAAS believes that, by enhancing budgets for fundamental and multidisciplinary research across multiple agencies, the America COMPETES Act will help the United States create a better-prepared, better-educated domestic workforce, keep at the forefront of technological development, and drive national economic growth.

AAAS encourages you to continue to support the research and innovation enterprise, and we stand ready to assist you on science-related issues. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alan Leshner', followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Alan I. Leshner