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Representative Pete Sessions
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Dear Congressman Sessions,

On behalf of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), the largest and oldest general scientific society in the United States, I want to thank you for your [letter](#) to congressional leadership to protect graduate students in tax reform. AAAS has [communicated](#) with House and Senate leadership that we too strongly oppose the repeal of the income exclusion for graduate tuition waivers. We agree that targeting educational assistance would not only harm students but adversely affect the United State innovation ecosystem. Innovation starts with people and ideas, and the United States must nurture our future innovators rather than risk losing them altogether. Thank you again for your leadership on this issue, and AAAS stands ready as a resource to you and your office to advance science and serve society.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rush Holt". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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