November 17, 2010

The Honorable Dave Obey
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC  20515

The Honorable Jerry Lewis
Ranking Member
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The Honorable Alan Mollohan
Chair
Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee
United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable Frank Wolf
Ranking Member
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Dear Representatives Obey, Mollohan, Lewis, and Wolf:

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With the U.S. currently experiencing a challenging economic environment, robust investments in NSF should be viewed as part of a long-term strategy to address our economic vitality. Such funding is imperative to maintain a prosperous innovation pipeline, by training the innovation workforce, creating new products and improving current products.

Like you, we are concerned about U.S. economic well-being. The innovation pipeline is as important for future economic growth as it has been in the past, perhaps even more so.

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We ask you to continue your commitment to address U.S. competitiveness through the vigorous support of basic research funding at NSF. Thank you for your consideration.

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Society for Research in Child Development
Soil Science Society of America
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The Honorable Barbara Mikulski  The Honorable Richard Shelby
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