April 17, 2023

The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen
Chair
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice,
Science, and Related Agencies
U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 2051

The Honorable Jerry Moran
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice,
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U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Hal Rogers
Chair
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice,
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U.S. House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Matt Cartwright
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice,
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U.S. House Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chair Shaheen, Ranking Member Moran, Chair Rogers and Ranking Member Cartwright,

As institutions of higher education from across the country, we thank you for your efforts to support and revitalize the U.S. federal science and innovation ecosystem through strong investments in the National Science Foundation (NSF) for fiscal year 2023 (FY23). Through this historic appropriations level and the visionary authorization levels proposed in the CHIPS and Science Act [P.L. 117-167], Congress has recognized that research, STEM education, innovation, and scientific talent are fundamental to the U.S. economy, our global competitiveness, and national security. **We urge you to build on that momentum by providing $11.9 billion for NSF in fiscal year 2024 (FY24).**

The National Science Foundation is uniquely positioned to continue to address the grand societal challenges of our time, from future pandemics to national security to climate change. The agency's portfolio supports cutting edge research that leads to innovations and a better understanding of the world around us, STEM education initiatives from elementary education to early career that unlock the next generation of talent, and coalition building by bringing together diverse stakeholder groups to address our societal challenges. As the most significant funder of curiosity-driven research, NSF is the backbone of our globally-renowned research system that makes possible the cutting-edge technologies, health care advances, and other innovations that we rely on today and endeavor to pioneer for our nation's future.

As critical centers of research, education and economic development for our communities, we know that the U.S. is in the midst of a high-stakes global competition for scientific talent and a race to develop new technologies and scientific breakthroughs. In such a highly competitive and consequential environment, it is imperative that our federal policy-makers soundly support the National Science Foundation and its mission.

We strongly advocate the community request for $11.9 billion for the National Science Foundation for FY24. This funding level is necessary to achieve the many critical priorities

Congress has laid out for NSF. The FY23 appropriation was a much-welcomed and needed *start* to safeguard U.S. competitiveness. However, this cannot be a one-year effort if we are to achieve our national goals. The trajectory must continue. We urge Congress to build on the initial commitment in the CHIPS & Science Act and robustly increase NSF's budget in FY24.

Thank you again for your support for the National Science Foundation. We stand ready to work with you to help NSF achieve its full potential.

Sincerely,

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Clark University	LSU
Clemson University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Colorado School of Mines	Meharry Medical College
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