Bipartisan Legislation to Support Emergency Relief Funding for the Research Enterprise

H.R. 7308

Dear Colleague,

We ask you to join us in cosponsoring the bipartisan RISE Act legislation that supports emergency relief funding for America’s research enterprise.

Given the current shutdown of many university-based laboratories and national laboratories due to the pandemic, we are deeply concerned that the people who comprise the backbone of the U.S. research enterprise – graduate students, postdocs, principal investigators, and technical support staff – are at risk of losing their employment.

Federal research investments are critical to not only combating pandemics and developing medical treatments, therapies, and cures, but also directly contributing to our nation’s economy. According to IRIS data, American universities used research funds to employ more than 560,000 people on campuses across the country. According to the Bureau of Labor and Statistics (BLS), that is more people than are employed by airlines or utilities. Relief funds to support research at universities would sustain and build upon this important economic engine. The relief authorized in the RISE Act will further contribute to our nation’s economy.

The RISE Act authorizes approximately $26 billion in emergency relief appropriations for federal science agencies during FY20 and FY21 and is available for expenditure for up to two years across 10 departments and agencies.
The bill also affords temporary regulatory relief to allow federal science agencies to continue to interpret regulations consistent with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidance memo M-20-17 issued on March 17, 2020 until universities or nonprofit research institutes can safely reopen research laboratories funded by federal agencies. This regulatory relief permits graduate students, postdocs, principal investigators, technical support staff and other research personnel to continue to receive salary support while research activities have been slowed or halted.

Please join us in cosponsoring this important legislation to support America’s research enterprise.

If you would like to cosponsor the RISE Act, or have any questions, please contact Matthew Allen (DeGette) at matthew.allen@mail.house.gov or Stephanie DeMarco (Upton) at stephanie.demarco@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,

Diana DeGette                      Fred Upton
Member of Congress                Member of Congress

Eddie Bernice Johnson             Frank Lucas
Member of Congress                Member of Congress

Anna Eshoo                       Anthony Gonzalez
Member of Congress                Member of Congress
Research Investment to Spark the Economy "RISE" Act - Organizational Endorsements as of June 24, 2020 (141)

1. Association of American Universities
2. Association of Public and Land-grant Universities
3. Association of American Medical Colleges
4. American Council on Education
5. Academy for Radiology & Biomedical Imaging Research
6. Algae Biomass Organization
7. American Academy of Neurology
8. American Anthropological Association
9. American Association for Cancer Research
10. American Association for Dental Research
11. American Association for Women Radiologists
12. American Chemical Society
14. American Geophysical Union
15. American Institute of Biological Sciences
16. American Mathematical Society
17. American Physical Society
18. American Phytopathological Society
19. American Psychological Association
20. American Seed Trade Association
21. American Society for Microbiology
22. American Society of Agronomy
23. American Society of Hematology
24. American Society of Human Genetics
25. American Society of Neuroradiology (ASNR)
26. American Society of Plant Biologists
27. American Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene
28. Associated Medical Schools of New York
29. Association for Clinical Oncology
30. Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO)
31. Association of Academic Health Centers
32. Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges
33. Association of Independent Research Institutes
34. Association of Science and Technology Centers
35. Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Science
36. Biophysical Society
37. Brandeis University
38. Carnegie Mellon University
39. Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center
40. Coalition for Aerospace & Science
41. Coalition for National Security Research (CNSR)
42. Computing Research Association
43. Consortium of Social Science Associations
44. Crop Science Society of America
45. Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
46. Dartmouth College
47. Duke University
48. East Carolina University
49. Ecological Society of America
50. Endocrine Society
51. Entomological Society of America
52. Federation of Associations in Behavioral & Brain Sciences
53. Florida A&M University
54. Florida International University
55. Florida State University
56. Geological Society of America
57. Georgia Institute of Technology
58. Human Factors and Ergonomics Society
59. Incorporated Research Institutions for Seismology
60. Indiana University
61. International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine (ISMRM)
62. Kewalo Marine Laboratory
63. Konica Minolta Healthcare
64. Lehigh University
65. Louisiana Tech University
66. Mathematical Association of America
67. Medical College of Wisconsin
68. Medical Image Perception Society
69. Michigan State University
70. Michigan Technological University
71. Mount Sinai Hospital
72. National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research
73. National Association for the Advancement of Animal Science
74. National Association of Marine Laboratories
75. National Coalition for Food and Agricultural Research
76. National Council for Science and the Environment
77. Natural Science Collections Alliance
78. New York University
79. Northwestern University
80. NYU Langone Health
81. Oak Ridge Associated Universities
82. Oakland University
83. OSU Hatfield Marine Science Center
84. Pace University
85. Penn State University
86. Princeton
87. Research Division, Department of Radiology, University of Pennsylvania
88. Research!America
89. Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
90. Society for Acupuncture Research
91. Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics
92. Society of Breast Imaging
93. Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging
94. Society of Skeletal Radiology
95. Society of Vacuum Coaters
96. Soil Science Society of America
97. Stanford University
98. Stony Brook University
99. The American Association of Immunologists
100. The Ohio State University
101. The Optical Society (OSA)
102. The Science Coalition
103. The State University of New York
104. The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
105. UC Berkeley
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