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CLOSE THE INNOVATION DEFICIT COALITION COMMENDS INTRODUCTION OF AMERICAN INNOVATION ACT

Legislation Would Help Close Innovation Deficit with Significant Increases in Federal Funding of Scientific Research at Key Agencies

The [Close the Innovation Deficit campaign](#), a coalition of more than 120 national business, higher education, scientific, patient, and other organizations, commends Senator Richard Durbin (D-IL) for introducing the American Innovation Act today. This legislation would take major steps toward closing the nation's innovation deficit by significantly increasing investments in key federal science agencies and programs.

These agencies and programs – the National Science Foundation, the Department of Energy Office of Science, the Department of Defense's science and technology programs, the National Institute of Standards and Technology's scientific and technical research and services, and NASA's science directorate – conduct vital research that is essential to the nation's long-term economic growth and national security, as well as the quality of life of all Americans.

Unfortunately, the nation's lagging support of research, combined with rapid increases in such investments by our international competitors, is creating an innovation deficit that threatens U.S. global economic leadership. Enactment and implementation of the American Innovation Act, as well as S. 289, the American Cures Act, a bill Senator Durbin has also introduced that would provide for similar investments in the National Institutes of Health and other health agencies, would reverse this trend and pave the way to closing the innovation deficit.

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Aerospace Industries Association
Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine
Alzheimer's Association
American Anthropological Association
American Association for Dental Research
American Association for the Advancement of Science
American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases
American Association for Thoracic Surgery
American Association of Anatomists
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy
American Astronomical Society
American Brain Coalition
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
American Chemical Society

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American Educational Research Association
American Gastroenterological Association
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American Institute of Biological Sciences
American Mathematical Society
American Pancreatic Association
American Physical Society
American Physiological Society
American Political Science Association
American Sociological Association
American Society for Bioethics and Humanities
American Society for Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics
American Society for Engineering Education
American Society for Microbiology
American Society for Pharmacology & Experimental Therapeutics
American Society of Agronomy
American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy
American Society of Mechanical Engineers
American Society of Plant Biologists
American Statistical Association
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Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization
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Association of Universities for Research in Astronomy
Bay Area Council
Biophysical Society
Brain Injury Association of America
Business-Higher Education Forum
Coalition for Imaging and Bioengineering Research
Coalition for the Life Sciences
Coalition for National Science Funding
Coalition for National Security Research
Computing Research Association
Consortium for Ocean Leadership
Consortium of Social Science Associations

Cooley's Anemia Foundation
Council of Graduate Schools
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Council on Undergraduate Research
Crop Science Society of America
Deadliest Cancers Coalition
Debbie's Dream Foundation: Curing Stomach Cancer
Digestive Disease National Coalition
Ecological Society of America
Energy Sciences Coalition
Entomological Society of America
Esophageal Cancer Action Network
Everylife Foundation for Rare Diseases
Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology
Federation of Associations in Behavioral & Brain Sciences
Hepatitis B Foundation
Hepatitis Foundation International
Human Factors and Ergonomics Society
IEEE-USA
Industrial Research Institute
Infectious Diseases Society of America
Lung Cancer Alliance
Materials Research Society
Mathematical Association of America
Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation
National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research
National Association of Marine Laboratories
National Brain Tumor Society
National Certification Council for Activity Professionals
National Ground Water Association
National Ovarian Cancer Coalition
National Pancreas Foundation
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Silicon Valley Leadership Group
Society for Academic Emergency Medicine
Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics
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Society for Neuroscience
Society of General Internal Medicine
Society of Surgical Chairs

Society of University Urologists
Society of Urology Chairpersons and Program Directors
Soil Science Society of America
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Stand With Science
Task Force on American Innovation
The Geological Society of America
The Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology
The Endocrine Society
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The Science Coalition
Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance
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University Corporation for Atmospheric Research

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