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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.

Academy of Radiology Research  
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 College of Gastroenterology  
American Council on Education  
American Educational Research Association  
American Gastroenterological Association  
American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering  
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  
American Surgical Association  
Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization  
Association for Academic Surgery  
Association for Surgical Education  
Association for Women in Mathematics  
Association of Academic Physiatrists  
Association of American Geographers  
Association of American Medical Colleges  
Association of American Universities  
Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges  
Association of Independent Research Institutes  
Association of Population Centers  
Association of Public and Land-grant Universities  
Association of Research Libraries  
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  
Council on Competitiveness  
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  
Natural Science Collections Alliance  
Older Women's League  
Ovarian Cancer National Alliance  
Pancreatic Cancer Action Network  
Pink Concussions, Inc.  
Population Association of America  
Research!America  
Semiconductor Industry Association  
Semiconductor Research Corporation  
Silicon Valley Leadership Group  
Society for Academic Emergency Medicine  
Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics  
Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology  
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  
Southeastern Universities Research Association  
Stand With Science  
Task Force on American Innovation  
The Geological Society of America  
The Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology  
The Endocrine Society  
The Optical Society  
The Science Coalition  
Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance  
United for Medical Research  
University Corporation for Atmospheric Research

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