

June 1, 2020

The Honorable Ro Khanna
U.S. House of Representatives
221 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mike Gallagher
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Representative Khanna and Representative Gallagher,

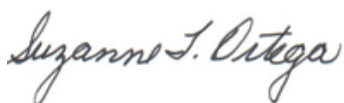
On behalf of the Council of Graduate Schools (CGS), I write in support of the Endless Frontier Act (H.R. 6978). We commend your bipartisan work to enhance investments in our country's research and development (R&D). This legislation also invests in the individuals who make discoveries possible— the researchers, including graduate students— who contribute to advancements that touch the lives of Americans, daily. More than ever, this is imperative as the nation strives to remain in the forefront of the global research enterprise.

The Endless Frontier Act offers invests in research and innovation through the National Science Foundation with an expanded focus on new technology. The National Science Board's State of Science and Engineering report for 2020¹ revealed the U.S. leads the world in R&D, but that the growth of science and engineering capabilities in other nations has now outpaced the U.S. This legislation is necessary to reinvest federally in our research and innovation enterprise to continue to be competitive in a global market, especially compared to China and other nations.

CGS applauds the addition of funds for graduate student fellowships and traineeships to participate in a renewed commitment to our country's science and research development. Federal investments like this support basic science research, as well as timely breakthroughs that are responsive to national need, such as the coronavirus pandemic. The funds in the legislation not only support students' involvement in critical R&D, but also our nation's economic recovery and lasting growth.

Again, we thank you for your bipartisan efforts to support our research enterprise, which is paramount to maintaining U.S. competitiveness. If our organization can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our Vice President of Public Policy and Government Affairs, Lauren Inouye, at Linouye@cgs.nche.edu.

Sincerely,



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President

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¹ National Science Board. (2020). *The State of U.S. Science and Engineering*. Retrieved from: <https://nces.nsf.gov/pubs/nsb20201>