



The American Chemical Society's Message to Congress

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“Keep Science Bipartisan”

- Over the last several years a broad and bipartisan consensus has emerged in Congress that the ability for the U.S. to compete successfully in the global economy is founded on our leadership and innovative capacity in science and technology.
- This consensus has largely been made possible through a unique effort that united the interests of the business, scientific, and education communities.
- ACS has been a leader in building this broad bipartisan consensus and we encourage you to continue to work with your colleagues on both sides of the aisle in a productive and collegial way on science and technology matters.

“We Support Robust and Sustainable Investments in Key Science Agencies”

- The ACS supports the Administration's Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Request for the:
 - National Science Foundation (NSF)
 - National Institutes of Health (NIH)
 - Department of Energy Office of Science (DOE-SC)
 - National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)
 - Department of Education STEM Programs (DoEd)
- These **investments** will help strengthen the American economy and ensure our nation remains the world innovation leader.
- We recognize that Congress is facing a difficult budget situation, but these **investments** are critical to ensure a prosperous future and must be a national priority.

“Congress Needs to Reauthorize the America COMPETES Act”

- When it passed in 2007, the America COMPETES Act provided the nation with a **unified blueprint** for strengthening the pillars of American innovation and competitiveness. The law is set to expire at the end of this year and this blueprint must be renewed in 2010.
- Swift renewal of this law will **underscore our nation's commitment** to ensuring our nation's leadership position in science and technology.
- As Congress proceeds with reauthorization we ask that the bill remain thoroughly **bipartisan** and enact **shared long term budget goals**.