

Support Investment in STEM Education Programs

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Dear Colleague:

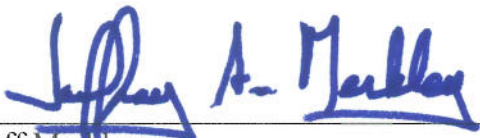
Please join us in signing the attached letter urging the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Subcommittee to ensure robust funding for effective and focused Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education programs at the U.S. Department of Education. Specifically, the letter requests the highest feasible funding for the Math and Science Partnerships, National STEM Master Teacher Corps and other initiatives designed to improve teaching and learning in STEM subjects.

Over the past decade, Congress has maintained a strong bipartisan commitment to federal investments in STEM education which help to train our students for jobs of the future. In order for the U.S. to remain a leader in technology innovation and advances in science, we must continue to investment in STEM education.

U.S. economic growth is driven in large part by our nation's ability to both generate ideas and translate them into innovative products and services. Improving the proficiency of all students in STEM subjects will help to increase the number of students who pursue STEM careers and meet the growing demand of employers for workers trained in these fields. It will also enhance U.S.'s ability to compete with other countries that are rapidly outpacing us in STEM education.

We urge to show your support for robust funding of the Department of Education's STEM education activities. Thank you for your consideration. If you would like to sign the letter, or if you have any questions, please contact Susan Lexer in Senator Merkley's office (4-3753) or Gohar Sedighi (4-1509) in Senator Franken's office.

Sincerely,



Jeff Merkley
United States Senator



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