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**The Science Coalition Thanks Rep. Ehlers for his Service and Commitment to
Enhancing America's Leadership in Science and Innovation**

February 10, 2010 – Upon announcement today that Rep. Vernon Ehlers (R-MI), will retire at the end of his current term in Congress, The Science Coalition issued the following statement:

Rep. Ehlers has worked tirelessly for his constituents in Michigan and for the nation as a leading voice for investments in science and education. As the first research physicist to serve in Congress, he has brought a unique understanding of the role that science and innovation play in enhancing America's global competitiveness. In recognition of his leadership, The Science Coalition presented Rep. Ehlers with its Champion of Science Award in 1999. Today, The Science Coalition congratulates him on his impending retirement and thanks him for his many years of committed service.

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The Science Coalition is a non-profit, nonpartisan organization representing 45 of the nation's leading public and private research universities. It is dedicated to sustaining the federal government's investment in basic research as a means to stimulate the economy, drive innovation and secure America's global competitiveness.

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