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Basic Research is Integral to Economic Recovery and Revitalization
The Science Coalition Applauds Funding for Research in Senate
Stimulus

Statement from Bill Andresen, President, The Science Coalition

Bill Andresen, President of the Science Coalition (TSC) issued the following statement today in response to the release by the Senate Appropriations Committee of highlights of its version of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan:

“TSC strongly supports the inclusion of funding for basic scientific and medical research in the Senate version of economic stimulus legislation outlined by the Senate Appropriations Committee on Friday.

“The Senate leadership joins the House in recognizing that innovation and jobs creation go hand-in-hand. Research fuels discovery that leads to innovation and development of new technologies, new industries and new jobs. We commend Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Daniel Inouye (D-HI) for making scientific and medical research funding a priority. This investment will not only have an immediate impact by creating jobs and stimulating economic activity across the country, but it will also have the longer-term benefit of helping to keep America competitive in the global marketplace.

The members of The Science Coalition stand ready to work with the Obama Administration and members of the House and Senate to ensure that funding for basic research – and the benefits it will bring – becomes reality.”

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The Science Coalition is a non-profit, nonpartisan organization representing 48 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.