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Semiconductor Industry CEOs Call on House Leaders to Fund Critical Science and Engineering Research

Join Other Business, Higher Education and Scientific Leaders to Urge Adoption of Senate-passed Funding Levels

San Jose, CA – June 3, 2008 – The Semiconductor Industry Association (SIA) today released a letter signed by more than 70 business, higher education and scientific leaders, including 14 executives from the semiconductor industry, to Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) and Minority Leader John Boehner (R-OH). The letter urges House leaders to support the Senate-passed funding levels for science and engineering research in the fiscal year (FY) 2008 supplemental appropriations bill currently under consideration. A similar letter was sent to Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) and Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY).

“The *FY 2008 Omnibus Appropriations Act* came up woefully short of the funding commitments made by Congress and the Administration in the Democratic Innovation Agenda and the American Competitiveness Initiative,” says the letter. “Now is the time to invest in America’s competitive future and prevent further backsliding.”

The Senate-passed version of FY 2008 supplemental appropriations bill includes \$300 million for agencies that sponsor basic science and engineering research at U.S. universities: \$200 million for the National Science Foundation and \$100 million the Office of Science in the Department of Energy.

Click [here](#) for a copy of the letter.

About the SIA

The SIA is the leading voice for the semiconductor industry and has represented U.S. semiconductor companies since 1977. Collectively, the chip industry employs a domestic workforce of 216,000 people. More information about the SIA can be found at www.sia-online.org.