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## Kind Advances Major Competitiveness, Math/Science Education Package

### *COMPETES Act Represents Work with Senate on Innovation Agenda*

Washington, DC – U.S. Rep. Ron Kind (D-WI), co-chair of the New Democrat Coalition, today reinforced his commitment to ensuring Wisconsin students, teachers, businesses, and workers have the tools to succeed in a global economy, joining Speaker Nancy Pelosi and others at a press conference celebrating the passage of H.R. 2272, the *America Creating Opportunities to Meaningfully Promote Excellence in Technology, Education and Science Act (COMPETES Act)*. The COMPETES Act represents a major part of the Innovation Agenda, and is a result of a conference with Senate competitiveness legislation, S. 761.

“These bills are designed to create the jobs of the future, and ensure that our children are ready for those jobs – that’s what economic competitiveness and stability is all about,” Rep. Kind said. “This is a bipartisan, bicameral effort to bring our economy to the next level, and foster the next generation of innovators.”

The COMPETES Act includes provisions to:

- Invest in 25,000 new teachers through professional development;
- Ensure there are more highly qualified math, science, engineering, technology, and critical foreign language teachers in the classroom through scholarships and incentives;
- Establish a partnership with the business community and institutions of higher education to develop programs to educate and train professionals to meet workforce demands;
- Invest in basic research and development, especially high-risk, high-reward research in its early stages;
- Spur new manufacturing processes and techniques by investing in the successful Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP);
- Support high-risk, high-reward, pre-competitive technology development, with high potential for public benefit, focusing on small and medium-sized companies.

“This investment in technology and innovation is necessary if America is to maintain its position as a global leader,” Rep. Kind said. “This will create and retain good jobs for Wisconsin, improve our quality of life, and most importantly ensure a brighter future for our children.”