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The Honorable James T. Walsh  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies  
H143 Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515-6022

Dear Chairman Walsh:

We are writing to urge you to provide the President's request of \$200 million for the Mathematics and Science Partnerships authorized under HR 1858, the National Mathematics and Science Partnerships Act, within the FY03 VA, HUD and Independent Agencies Appropriations Bill.

President George W. Bush has called on the Nation to develop partnerships involving parents, teachers, school administrators, chief state school officers, leaders of the business community, and institutions of higher education. Individually, none of these groups has the capacity to address the problem that is before us. By forming partnerships, however, each group can make meaningful contributions and can accomplish together what none of them can accomplish alone.

The NSF Mathematics and Science Partnerships program responds to the President's call. The program encourages local communities to participate in model partnerships designed to reform the instruction of elementary and secondary school mathematics and science education. The program recognizes the unique contribution that institutions of higher education and businesses can make to education reform. It draws upon these strengths to develop model programs that, if proven successful, will hold the key to large-scale education reform efforts that can be conducted by state and local educational agencies.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and we look forward to working with you and your staff on this issue in the future.

Sincerely,



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