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The Honorable Eddie Bernice Johnson  
Chairwoman  
House Science, Space, and Technology Committee

The Honorable Frank Lucas  
Ranking Member  
House Science, Space, and Technology Committee

Dear Chairwoman Johnson and Ranking Member Lucas,

On behalf of the Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech), I applaud the Committee for the bipartisan work to develop and introduce H.R. 2225, the National Science Foundation for the Future Act, a critically important bill to reauthorize and reinvigorate the National Science Foundation (NSF) and our nation's research and STEM education ecosystem. At a time when our country is facing unprecedented threats, significant reinvestments in our research competitiveness and our talent pipeline will help ensure the welfare, health, and security of our nation.

Georgia Tech is a public research institution comprised of nearly 40,000 students from across the U.S. and around the globe with more than \$1 billion annual research activity across six Colleges and the Georgia Tech Research Institute (GTRI). We pride ourselves in being an engine of economic development for the state of Georgia, the Southeast, and the nation, while having an overarching commitment to improving the human condition through advanced science and technology. We are also a trusted partner for national security as well as a leader in translational research and entrepreneurship. As seen through our 11 long-standing interdisciplinary research institutes and ingrained within the Georgia Tech's research enterprise is the understanding that the knowledge needed to tackle our world's toughest challenges must be addressed across disciplines and with societal impacts in mind.

Given the complex and serious challenges facing the U.S. and the globe, the Act's proposed new Directorate for Science and Engineering Solutions will be a vital tool for encouraging transdisciplinary discoveries and ensuring that innovations reach those in most need. Every day at Georgia Tech, I see the tremendous value of working with private sector partners to build a collaborative research environment to translate research into real-world solutions. Equally important to us at Georgia Tech is ensuring that all people are welcomed and encouraged to be part of the U.S. scientific enterprise. The National Science Foundation for the Future Act takes critical steps toward broadening the participation of underrepresented groups in STEM and bolstering the STEM education pipeline from the earliest years through the workforce.

Thank you again for your leadership on this legislation and the Committee's commitment to investing in our nation's future through the efforts supported by NSF. Georgia Tech is pleased to support your work and endorse the National Science Foundation for the Future Act.

Sincerely,



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