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The Honorable Lamar Smith  
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House Committee on Science, Space, & Tech.  
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The Honorable Eddie Bernice Johnson  
Ranking Member  
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The Blinded Veterans Association is pleased to support HR4323, the Supporting Veterans in STEM Careers Act. We especially welcome the provisions in this bill calling for Updates to the Noyce Teacher Scholarship program, NSF fellowship programs, and cyber grant programs to include outreach to veterans.

For many of our nation's veterans, the transition to civilian life is not an easy one, and in far too many cases, the inability to find employment is at the center of the veterans' difficulties. This legislation has the potential to aid veterans in very practical ways, and also provide those who assist unemployed veterans with vital information about employment trends in some of the vital career fields where many veterans have the potential to excel given the training they received during military service. We urge Congress to approve this legislation and help open up greater employment opportunities for our nation's veterans.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,  
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Blinded Veterans Association