

**Congress of the United States**  
Washington, DC 20515

April 2, 2026

Mr. Brian Stone  
Interim Director  
National Science Foundation  
2415 Eisenhower Ave  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Interim Director Stone,

We write to encourage the National Science Foundation (NSF) to continue its important work to ensure American scientific endeavors remain safe, secure, and innovative.

The CHIPS and Science Act (P.L. 117-167) directed the NSF to establish the Safeguarding the Entire Community of the U.S. Research Ecosystem (SECURE) Program. This multifaceted program is advancing the goals of the bipartisan legislation to strengthen American competitiveness and national security. SECURE is leading the American research community in a multi-year strategy to maintain a robust research environment while addressing foreign threats to the security and integrity of our national research enterprise. Under the advice of former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice as chair of its Advisory Board, SECURE Analytics invests in cutting-edge data collection, analysis, and reporting that enhance the research community's capacity to make risk-informed decisions about research security. Simultaneously, the SECURE Center and its five regional centers under the advice of former military and intelligence officers on its Advisory Board are working with U.S. researchers to advance the security and economic wellbeing of the United States while navigating the challenges those innovations can present to national security. These NSF-funded initiatives are critical to addressing risks and bolstering protection within America's non-governmental research communities.

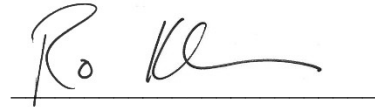
We need robust data-driven approaches to fortify the research ecosystem while maintaining the pipeline of talent in STEM that has been foundational to U.S. preeminence in science and technology. The SECURE Program was created for and is leading this process. This program incorporates ongoing feedback from stakeholders to achieve a comprehensive and data-centric approach, which reinforces security goals while also building trust in a fair and effective system.

The United States achieved its technological prowess based on cultivating and attracting the best and brightest minds from at home and around the world. The foundation of America's innovation has been built by our talented workforce, including our Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) communities. These communities have played a critical role in improving the lives of all Americans and advancing our leadership in science and technology from discovering lifesaving drugs to pioneering breakthroughs in semiconductors. Policies that close the door to talent and create chilling effects on AANHPI communities undermine our American values and scientific leadership. Championing equality, non-discrimination, and fairness is fundamental to our leadership as we face enhanced global competition.

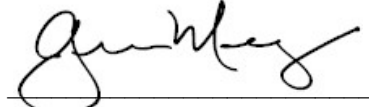
We therefore encourage NSF to continue to invest in data driven approaches to protect our national security, our American values, and the future of our country.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

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Ro Khanna  
Ranking Member, Select Committee on the CCP

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Grace Meng  
CAPAC Chair