

## Demand our Representatives Support Science Funding

## First, Find Your Representative:

Go to your representative's "contact me" page on their website [<u>list linked here</u>] and fill out the message form. It's that easy! Here are two scripts, one for elected who have already shown strong support for science, and another for those who have not supported or been quiet.

## For Supportive Representatives:

My name is [your name] and I am a constituent of [Senator/Representative name] from [zip code/city, state]. I am writing to express my gratitude to [Sen/Rep Name] for their steadfast and vocal support of funding for science; and for opposing President's Trump cuts to scientific research in the proposed 2026 budget. [Sen/Rep Name]'s leadership in defending American science is a testament to their commitment to safeguarding America's global scientific lead and protecting the health and future of generations to come. I also appreciate [Sen/Rep name] opposition to the White House's attempt at an illegal pocket rescission, a blatantly unconstitutional move that undermines Congress' power of the purse. As their constituent, I am counting on [Sen/Rep name] to continue the fight and to work with their colleagues to defend our vibrant scientific ecosystem.

## For Quiet or Unsupportive Representatives:

My name is [your name] and I am a constituent of [Senator/Representative name] from [zip code/city, state]. I am writing to express deep concern about President Trump's cuts to science funding in the 2026 budget proposal. These cuts undermine America's global scientific leadership and threaten vital medical research and innovation, halting life-saving medical advances, interrupting or reversing decades of progress in combatting diseases such as cancer, diabetes, and Alzheimer's; accelerate the disastrous effects of climate change, including worsening extreme weather patterns; reduce our nation's biodefense capabilities; and result in higher costs for American families. As their constituent, I am asking [Sen/Rep name] to stand up against these cuts and to reject the White House's dangerous budget proposal that will cause immense harm to families in their district. I also ask that [Sen/Rep name] oppose illegal pocket rescissions to defund scientific advancement, a blatantly unconstitutional move that undermines Congress' power of the purse. China has increased their federal science budget 15% in the past 5 years...cutting ours ~30% will leave us in the dust, deplete our economy of billions of dollars, and result in the loss of hundreds of thousands of jobs. Cutting this funding is NOT socially nor fiscally responsible for us.