

December 9, 2011

The Honorable Carl Levin
Chairman
Senate Armed Services Committee
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable John McCain
Ranking Member
Senate Armed Services Committee
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Howard P. McKeon
Chairman
House Armed Services Committee
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Adam Smith
Ranking Member
House Armed Services Committee
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Levin, Senator McCain, Chairman McKeon and Representative Smith:

As you proceed with the conference on the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012 (HR 1540/ S 1867), the undersigned scientific and professional societies, higher education associations, universities, and research institutions strongly urge you to oppose using the Defense Authorization Bill as the vehicle by which to reauthorize the Small Business Research

We urge

University of Southern California
University of Utah Health Sciences
University of Vermont
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Vanderbilt University
Yale University

cc: Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid
Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell
Speaker John Boehner
House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi
Senate Armed Services Committee
Senate Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee
House Armed Services Committee
House Small Business Committee