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Congressional R&D Caucus Co-Chairs Holt and Biggert Join Scientists, Engineers and Graduate Students To Call for Increased Federal Support of Scientific Research

Washington, D.C. – On Tuesday, March 4th, a group of prominent scientists, engineers and graduate students, joined by Representatives Rush Holt (D-NJ) and Judy Biggert (R-IL), Co-Chairs of the Congressional Research and Development Caucus, will hold a press conference to address the severe repercussions of recent underfunding of key science agencies, including NASA, the National Science Foundation, Department of Defense and the Department of Energy’s Office of Science.

The press conference is part of the annual “Congressional Visits Day” sponsored by the Science Engineering and Technology Working Group (SETWG), which is comprised of more than 30 organizations representing a broad cross section of science and technology in academia, government and private industry. The scientists, engineers, and graduate students will offer their perspectives on the importance of basic research to future innovation and competitiveness.

Who: Co-Chairs of the Congressional Research and Development Caucus
Representative Rush Holt (D-NJ)
Representative Judy Biggert (R-IL)

Professionals, Professors and Students including:

Dr. Russell Lefevre, President, IEEE-USA
Physicist and a radar systems engineer

Dr. Mary Lou Zoback, American Geological Institute
Earthquake hazards expert and member of the National Academy of Sciences

Professor John W. Geissman, Geology Society of America
Chairman of the Department of Earth and Planetary Science, University of New Mexico

Danielle Evers, Doctoral student
Interdisciplinary Program in Neuroscience, Georgetown University



What: Press conference to discuss need for increased federal investment in scientific research.

When: Tuesday, March 4, 2008
2:30 p.m.

Where: US Capitol
H-137
Washington, DC

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The Science, Engineering and Technology Work Group is comprised of more than 30 organizations representing a broad cross section of science and technology in academia, government and private industry. For more information, visit www.setcvd.org.