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Honorable John Ensign  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510-2805

Honorable Joseph I. Lieberman  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510-0703

Dear Senators Ensign and Lieberman:

I would like to commend you for the introduction of the National Innovation Act of 2005. Basic research underpins modern technology development so I am pleased that your bill includes a renewed commitment to basic research. I am particularly pleased that you would like to double the NSF budget by 2011. The NSF provides seventy-seven percent of all federal support for academic mathematics research, so the health of the agency is important to the mathematics community.

Please contact me or Dr. Sam Rankin, AMS Associate Executive Director, if we can be of any help as your bill moves through the legislative process.

Sincerely,

James G. Arthur