



HIBAR Research Alliance

May 11, 2021

The Honorable Eddie Bernice Johnson
Chair
House Science, Space, and
Technology Committee
2321 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Frank Lucas
Ranking Member
House Science, Space, and
Technology Committee
2321 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Johnson and Ranking Member Lucas:

On behalf of the HIBAR Research Alliance (HRA), I am pleased to endorse H.R. 2225, The National Science Foundation (NSF) for the Future Act.

Highly Integrated Basic and Responsive (HIBAR) research aims to discover new knowledge and address critical societal problems through collaborations among university-based researchers and non-academic participants, working together as equal partners. The mission of the HIBAR Research Alliance is to catalyze significant expansion of HIBAR research projects, enabling universities to become more responsive to the needs of society while strengthening their fundamental research excellence. We believe this is achievable through careful and coordinated work.

The HRA strongly supports bold investments in the collaborative research needed to address critical national and international challenges. We are encouraged by the great potential for building deep research collaborations, in which expert co-leaders contribute critical understanding that spans the range from fundamental discovery to highly applied efforts. A directorate that encourages co-leadership of use-inspired basic research projects, for example, would generate better solutions to society's most complex and pressing problems.

For these reasons, the HRA enthusiastically endorses the *National Science Foundation for the Future Act* and the *Endless Frontier Act*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'LAW', written in a cursive style.

Lorne A. Whitehead
Director, HIBAR Research Alliance

CC:

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
The Honorable Haley Stevens
The Honorable Michael Waltz