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May 7, 2021

The Honorable Eddie Bernice Johnson  
Chairwoman  
The Honorable Frank Lucas  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Science, Space and Technology  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Johnson and Ranking Member Lucas,

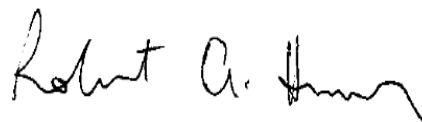
On behalf of the [Population Association of America](http://www.populationassociation.org) (PAA), I am pleased to endorse your legislation, the National Science Foundation for the Future Act (NSFFA), H.R. 2225. PAA appreciates the bipartisan support your proposed legislation has already received and thanks you for your thoughtful and visionary approach to securing the future of the National Science Foundation (NSF).

PAA is a professional scientific society that represents over 3,000 social and behavioral scientists, including demographers, sociologists, and economists who conduct research on the individual-, societal-, and environmental-level causes and consequences of population change. Its members, working in applied and academic sectors, conduct policy relevant research on a wide range of topics, such as mortality, fertility, adolescent health, population forecasting, migration, and labor force dynamics.

The NSF is the second largest source of discretionary, competitive grant funding supporting our field. Therefore, we applaud provisions to double the size of NSF's research budget and create a new directorate to catalyze inter-disciplinary research aimed at tackling societal and national challenges. We are pleased that the value of the social sciences is specifically referenced in this bill. Finally, we sincerely appreciate the Committee's efforts to solicit stakeholder input to inform the crafting of this legislation, which is clearly evident in the finished product.

Thank you for your leadership on this important legislation.

Sincerely,



Dr. Robert A. Hummer  
President  
Population Association of America