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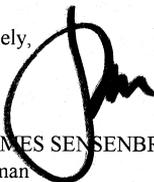
Dear Mr. Speaker:

I am submitting herewith a Science Committee report on a new national science policy entitled, "Unlocking Our Future: Toward a New National Science Policy." This report was compiled by the Science Committee Vice Chairman Vernon Ehlers. The report is based primarily on testimony received during Committee hearings, information obtained from experts in meetings and through the Committee web site, and other documents reviewed by the Committee.

The world has changed a great deal since the last major science policy statement was written by Vannevar Bush in 1945. This report is a broad survey of the many aspects that make up the new national science enterprise. It recommends changes and new goals for the existing enterprise that will help the United States of America maintain its pre-eminent position in science and technology. It is my hope that this document will serve as a framework for future deliberations on congressional science policy and funding.

The report contains background information, highlights of the hearings, findings, and recommendations based on the testimony and other information the Committee has reviewed. We hope that it will be of value to you and to other Members of Congress, the Administration, States, and the general public who are interested in gaining a better understanding of science policy.

Sincerely,



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