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The Honorable Bart Gordon
Chairman, Committee on Science and Technology
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Gordon:

I am writing to commend you for introducing the “10,000 Teachers, 10 Million Minds Science and Math Scholarship Act” (H.R. 362) as part of the Committee on Science and Technology’s efforts to strengthen U.S. math and science education.

The Council of Graduate Schools (CGS) is particularly supportive of the provision to authorize the National Science Foundation to support the development and implementation of master’s degree programs for science and mathematics teachers in order to strengthen their subject area knowledge.

This legislation to support advanced training for teachers will help produce future generations of students educated and interested in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

CGS is grateful for your leadership on addressing the critical issue of boosting American competitiveness and for your recognition of the essential role of graduate education in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

Debra W. Stewart
President

The Council of Graduate Schools (CGS) is an organization of over 480 institutions of higher education engaged in graduate education, research and the preparation of candidates for advanced degrees. CGS member institutions award 90% of the doctoral degrees and over 75% of the master’s degrees in the U.S. The organization’s mission is to improve and advance graduate education, which it accomplishes through advocacy in the federal policy arena, research, and the development and dissemination of best practices.