



AUTM Expresses Support for USICA Tech Transfer Provision

AUTM appreciates the strong support for science, technology and innovation embodied in recently-passed legislation in the US Senate and House. It is this support for research and research institutions that will directly result in the next generation of innovations that will continue to benefit people across the nation.

In particular, AUTM is very supportive of the Academic Technology Transfer provision (Section 2109) of the United States Innovation & Competition Act (USICA), which will significantly advance the development and commercialization of these new innovations. By helping create and expand the ability to protect new discoveries through intellectual property, and by advancing discoveries to market through partnerships, start-ups, and other pathways, additional economic and social impacts will be realized. In addition, Section 2109 will create regional collaborative tech transfer resource centers essential to foster partnerships enhanced by existing expertise and accelerate innovations developed across the country.

We look forward to working with Congress as discussions begin to reconcile the multiple versions of House bills with the Senate's USICA, mindful that AUTM supports final legislation that will enhance America's research and technology development enterprise without causing unintended consequences for the innovation ecosystem as a whole.