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The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen.
Senate CJS Subcommittee
142 Dirksen Building.
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jerry Moran
Senate CJS Subcommittee
125 Hart Building
Washington, DC. 20510

Dear Chairwoman Shaheen and Ranking Member Moran:

On behalf of AUTM – the association of university technology transfer – we urge you to fully fund the Accelerating Research Translation (ART) and related technology transfer programs within the FY '24 National Science Foundation appropriations.

Universities receive billions of dollars in federal support each year from numerous agencies, including the National Institutes of Health, NSF, the Departments of Energy and Defense, and numerous others. The goal of these research dollars is to create new technologies and medicines that can help transform America's economy, health care and national security. These funds also help create the scientists of tomorrow who will be the research leaders in the future.

University tech transfer offices are where the people on campuses across the nation work to make sure these discoveries move from the lab to the marketplace, ensuring the highest rate of return to the American taxpayers for their support of research. Thanks to technology transfer, data shows that the American economy has reaped over \$1.3 trillion in economic growth – millions of jobs – thousands of patents and hundreds of new drugs and therapeutics. The ART and related programs at NSF are designed to expand the ability of universities big and small to help increase this benefit to society.

All of us want America to continue to lead the world in technology and innovation. By investing in research, we keep American on the cutting edge against foreign competition for the best new ideas. And technology transfer is the key to making sure those discoveries help all of us secure a stronger economy, better health care and strong national security to our nation from all adversaries.

Thank you for your assistance in supporting the technology transfer programs at NSF for FY '24.

Sincerely,

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