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Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Smith and Ranking Member Johnson:

As the House Science Committee moves to consider HR 1806, the *America COMPETES Reauthorization Act*, IEEE-USA encourages the committee to provide a robust level of overall support of research.

While our members recognize current budgetary realities, we also understand that robust support of research leads to innovation - innovation that grows our economy and ultimately reduces the deficit. We urge you to avoid significant cuts in research, including the proposed cuts to Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) R&D and ARPA-E.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James A. Jefferies".

James A. Jefferies
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