

OPENING STATEMENT

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Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

H.R. 3033, the Research Excellence and Advancements for Dyslexia (READ) Act
Full Committee Markup

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Thank you Mr. Chairman. The National Science Foundation funds research across all fields of science and engineering. It is also one of our nation's most important funders of education research.

The first bill we are considering today, H.R. 3033, *the Research Excellence and Advancements for Dyslexia – or READ – Act* addresses a specific and important issue facing education today: dyslexia.

H.R. 3033 would require NSF to spend at least \$5 million per year in support of research on dyslexia and would require NSF to maintain a separate budget line for the Research in Disabilities Education Program.

Through its support for fields as diverse as behavioral and social science, neuroscience, and learning science, NSF has made important contributions to knowledge about, and interventions for dyslexia and other learning disorders. H.R. 3033 would ensure that NSF continues to fund important research in these areas.

The manager's amendment that will be considered shortly reflects the testimony we heard in a hearing on this bill just last week. I am pleased that we have heeded the advice of the experts.

My colleague from Maryland, Ms. Edwards, will also be offering an amendment to address funding. I will support her amendment. I also support the underlying bill.

Thank you, and I yield back.