

Coalition for
National Security Research

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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
U.S. Senate
711 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Durbin,

On behalf of the Coalition for National Security Research (CNSR), a broad-based coalition of research universities and institutes, scientific and professional associations, and industry, I am writing to thank you for your support for the defense research enterprise. I am tremendously grateful for your leadership in supporting the Congressional Directed Medical Research Programs in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 and the Defense Science and Technology (S&T) programs in the FY 17 Department of Defense Appropriations Bill.

As the world continues to become more volatile and dangerous, defense research funding ensures that our best and brightest are actively engaged now and in the future to provide America's military technical superiority. Additionally, defense scientific research is ensuring that we help those men and women who have selflessly served our country and subsequently face challenges such as nerve regeneration, traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorder. We owe it to the soldiers on the battlefield and the veterans returning home to provide the most effective military capabilities and medical therapies, and in order to do so we must invest in defense scientific research.

CNSR would like to specifically express our appreciation for your support of Defense S&T programs in the FY 17 Department of Defense Appropriations Bill. I commend you for spearheading the effort to reverse many of the reductions, relative to FY 16 enacted levels, in the President's budget for the Defense S&T programs, particularly to 6.1 basic research as well as 6.2 and 6.3 where basic research inventions will become future game changing innovations. The coalition looks forward to working with you to achieve sustained growth in these research accounts based on the recommendations from the National Academies Report [*Rising Above the Gathering Storm*](#).

Thank you for your leadership. Enclosed please find the mission statement including the membership list for CNSR. The coalition looks forward to working with you to strengthen the Defense S&T program.

Sincerely,

John Latini
Chairman, Coalition for National Security Research

Mission

The Coalition for National Security Research (CNSR) is a broad-based alliance of industry, research universities and institutes, and scientific and professional organizations committed to advocating for a strong Defense Science & Technology (S&T) enterprise, with particular emphasis on basic (6.1) and applied (6.2) defense research. Whether it is developing weapons systems, cybersecurity capabilities, protecting the warfighter, or developing technologies used to heal the wounded, the Defense S&T program serves as the foundation upon which U.S. military technical superiority is built. CNSR's advocacy with Congress and the Administration supports long-term, robust funding for basic and applied research, as well as Department of Defense-funded educational programs that cultivate a new generation of talented engineers and scientists.

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