

Support the Navy's University Research Initiatives (URI) Program and the related Defense University Research Instrumentation Program (DURIP) in FY23

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Dear Colleague:

I invite you to join me in expressing strong support for the Navy's University Research Initiatives (URI) Program and the related Defense University Research Instrumentation Program (DURIP) by requesting the House Defense Appropriations Subcommittee fund the URI program at levels consistent with FY22 enacted and include an additional \$20 million for DURIP.

The Navy's URI program supports multidisciplinary scientific research on high priority topics identified in the Naval Science and Technology Strategic Plan. Ultimately, this funding enables the Navy to maintain its technical superiority by hastening the transition of basic research to practical applications. The President's Budget Request for FY23 proposes a significant reduction in funding for the Navy's URI program, which can have grave impacts on basic research, and specifically, the DURIP program -- a critical part of the innovation pipeline in support of Navy missions and operations.

Through a rigorous, competitive annual grants process, DURIP provides academic institutions with the means of acquiring new national-security relevant research

capabilities through technology development and purchase of equipment and infrastructure. The technologies developed and acquired through the DURIP process ensure that the next generation of scientists and engineers are trained with cutting-edge capabilities for the military workforce.

As you are well aware, U.S. investment in science and technology is essential in protecting us against current and future threats. I fully appreciate the significant fiscal challenges facing our nation and therefore support both URI and DURIP as universally recognized cost-effective programs that are proven to provide critical advances in knowledge and technical capabilities to the Navy.

If you have any questions, please contact Jordan Nasif at jordan.nasif@mail.house.gov The deadline to sign on is **April 22, 2022 by 6pm** - please use this [Quill link](#) to join the letter.

Sincerely,

SARA JACOBS

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