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MEMORANDUM

TO: Committee on Science, Space, and Technology Members and Staff
FROM: Committee on Science, Space, and Technology Staff
DATE: April 15, 2015
RE: Full Committee Markup of H.R. 1806, the *America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2015*

The Committee on Science, Space, and Technology will meet at 10:15 a.m. on Wednesday, April 22, 2015, in Room 2318 of the Rayburn House Office Building to consider the following:

- **H.R. 1806, the *America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2015***

H.R. 1806, the *America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2015*, was introduced by Chairman Lamar Smith on April 15, 2015.

In 2007, Congress passed, and President Bush signed into law, the America Creating Opportunities to Meaningfully Promote Excellence in Technology, Education, and Science (COMPETES) Act (P.L. 110-69), which was based on the President's American Competitiveness Initiative. Congress then passed, and President Obama later signed, a three-year reauthorization of the America COMPETES Act in December 2010; this authorization expired at the end of 2013, thereby necessitating a reauthorization of agencies included in this bill.

The bill reestablishes the COMPETES Act's intent to prioritize basic research and fundamental scientific discovery in the physical sciences and biology, and reforms Federal science policy to ensure future U.S. economic competitiveness and security by spurring private sector technological innovation.

H.R. 1806 reauthorizes the National Science Foundation, the coordination of federal STEM education programs, the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, the Commerce Department's National Institute of Standards and Technology, the Department of Energy's Office of Science, and its energy supply R&D programs.

Original cosponsors of H.R. 1806 include Science Committee Vice Chairman Frank Lucas, Research and Technology Subcommittee Chairwoman Barbara Comstock, Energy Subcommittee Chairman Randy Weber, Research and Technology Subcommittee Vice Chairman John Moolenaar, and Committee Members Steven Palazzo, Randy Hultgren, Steve Knight, Brian Babin, and Barry Loudermilk.

For questions about this markup, please contact Science Committee General Counsel Molly Boyd, at 225-6371.