

# Government Relations Division Roundtable

November 30, 2017



# Today's Call

## Agenda

- Welcome!
  - Webinar platform
- Kristin Grazioso, Government Relations Manager, Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce
  - Business for Federal Research Funding Coalition
- 2018 Agenda-setting
- Looking ahead

**BUSINESS FOR FEDERAL  
RESEARCH FUNDING**



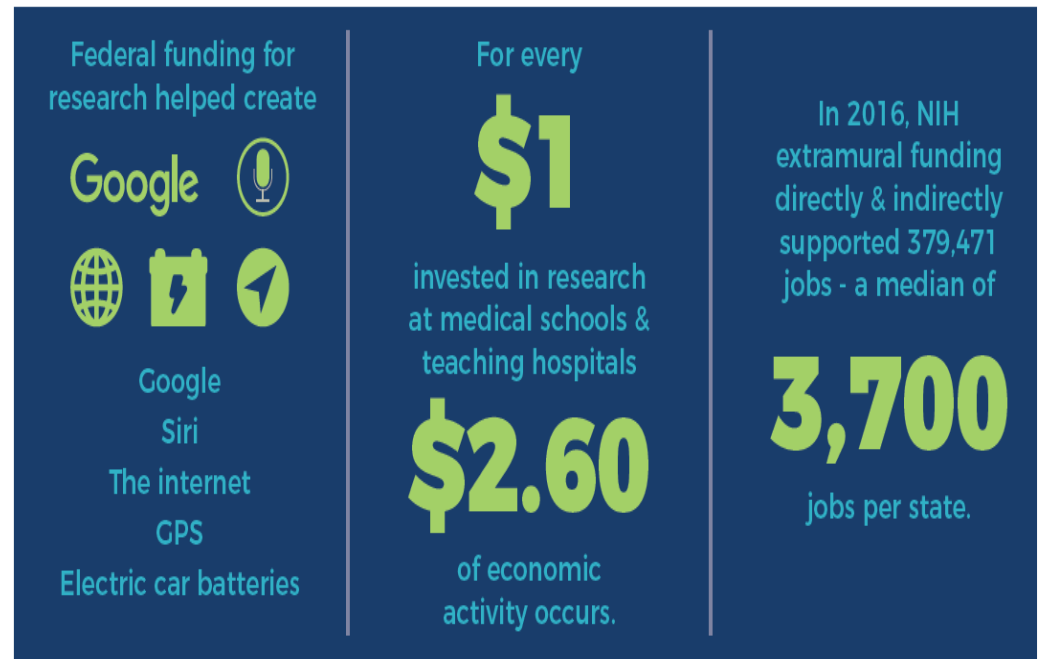
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## BUSINESS FOR FEDERAL RESEARCH FUNDING

- Business for Federal Research Funding is a broad-based coalition of over 75 Chambers of Commerce across the country advocating for increased research funding in the federal budget.
- Together, the coalition is bringing a heightened focus to the critical impact that federal research funding has on our nation's economic growth and competitiveness.
- The national coalition helps illustrate that this issue impacts businesses, government, academia, and private citizens in every corner of the country.

# Why are Chambers of Commerce from all over the country supporting increased federal research funding?

- Businesses from all industries thrive with the investment of federal dollars in basic research, and those return on investments can be seen in every corner of the country.
- In 2016, National Institutes of Health (NIH) spending extramurally in the 50 states and DC, directly and indirectly supported **379,471 jobs** – a median of over **3,700 jobs per state** – and **\$64.799 billion** in economic activity.
- However, this is lower compared to past years when funding was higher. For example, in **2010 NIH funding directly supported an estimated 487,900 jobs nationwide**.
- For every dollar invested in research at medical schools and teaching hospitals, **\$2.60 of economic activity occurs** (based on 2009 data).



# What is BFRF Advocating For?

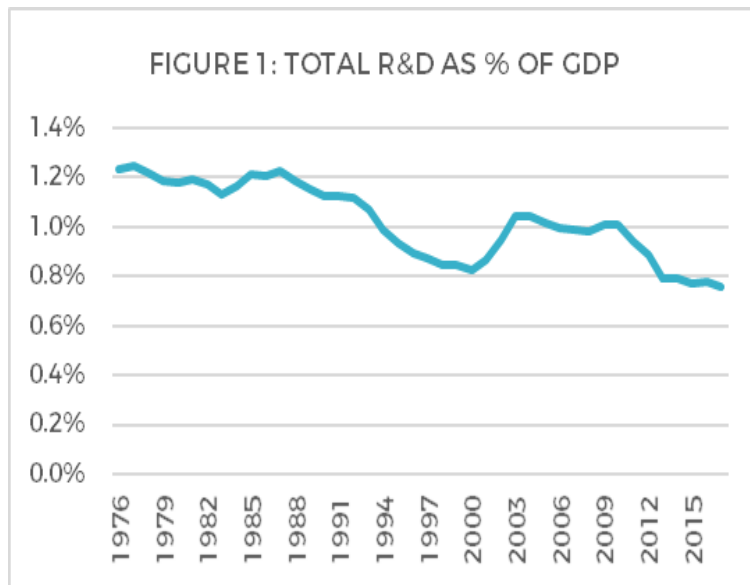
- The coalition is focused on increasing research funds for the **National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, NASA, and the Departments of Agriculture, Defense, Energy, and Homeland Security.**
- The coalition has been and will continue to argue that in order to provide for the development and advancement of a strong innovation economy and to remain global leaders in research, **Congress needs to increase federal accounts responsible for dispersing research funds at a steady rate above inflation each year.**

## We do this by:

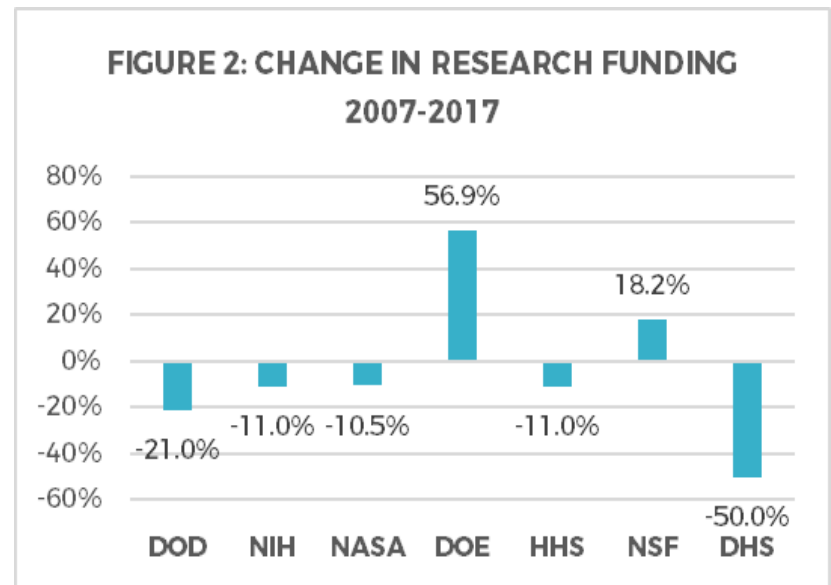
- Engaging in lobbying efforts with members of Congress and the Administration, including an annual fly-in to D.C.;
- Using communications to raise awareness among key business and government stakeholders; and
- Coordinating strategy to maximize the collective impact of efforts to increase federal research funding.

# The State of Research Funding in the U.S.

As a percent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) total R&D spending by the federal government has been on a declining trend since the seventies, and has seen its lowest point in the last ten years. (Figure 1)



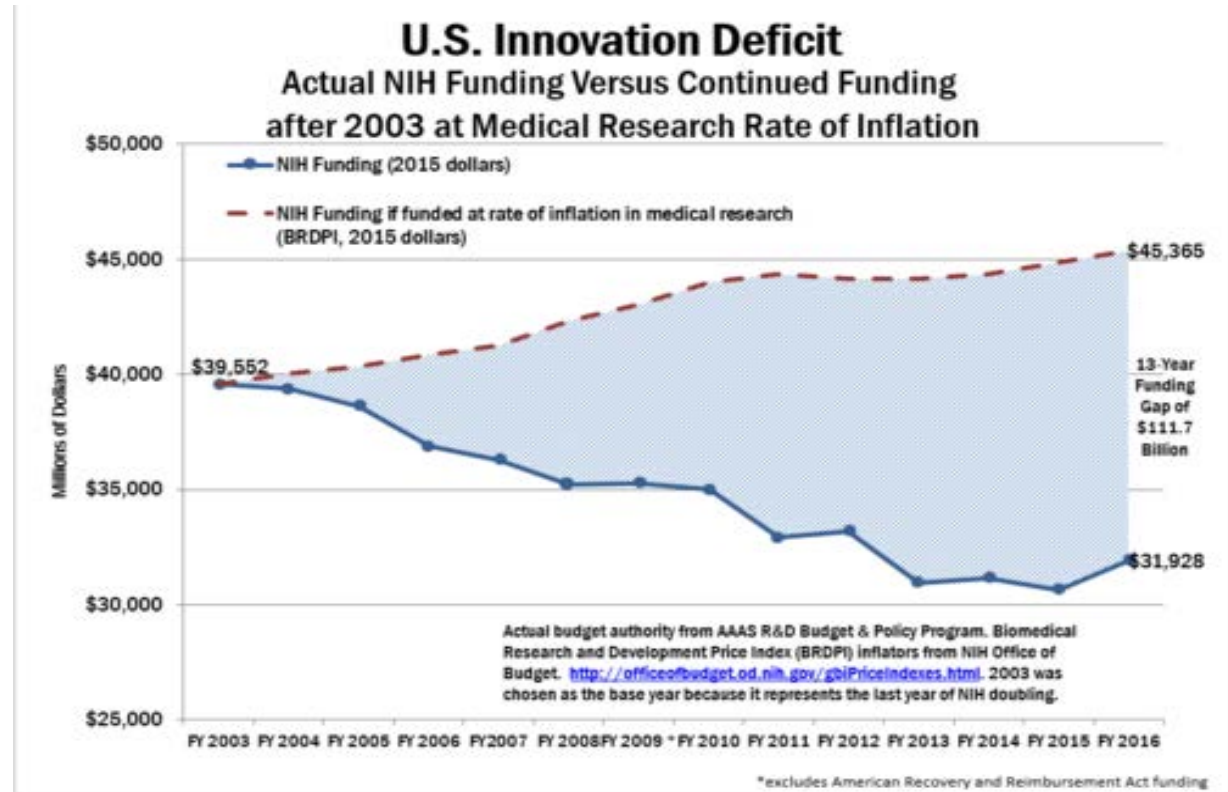
Between 2007 and 2017, R&D funding for five of the seven agencies monitored by BFRF declined. In the case of research funding for the Department of Homeland Security, the decline was a step 50 percent drop, from \$1.1 billion to \$575 million (Figure 2: FY17 estimates are based on President Obama's request)



# Innovation Deficit

For some agencies, like NIH, the decline means that funding hasn't kept pace with medical research inflation.

The result is that over 13 years, the U.S. spent **\$11.7 billion less on NIH funding** than it would have if it kept pace with medical research inflation.

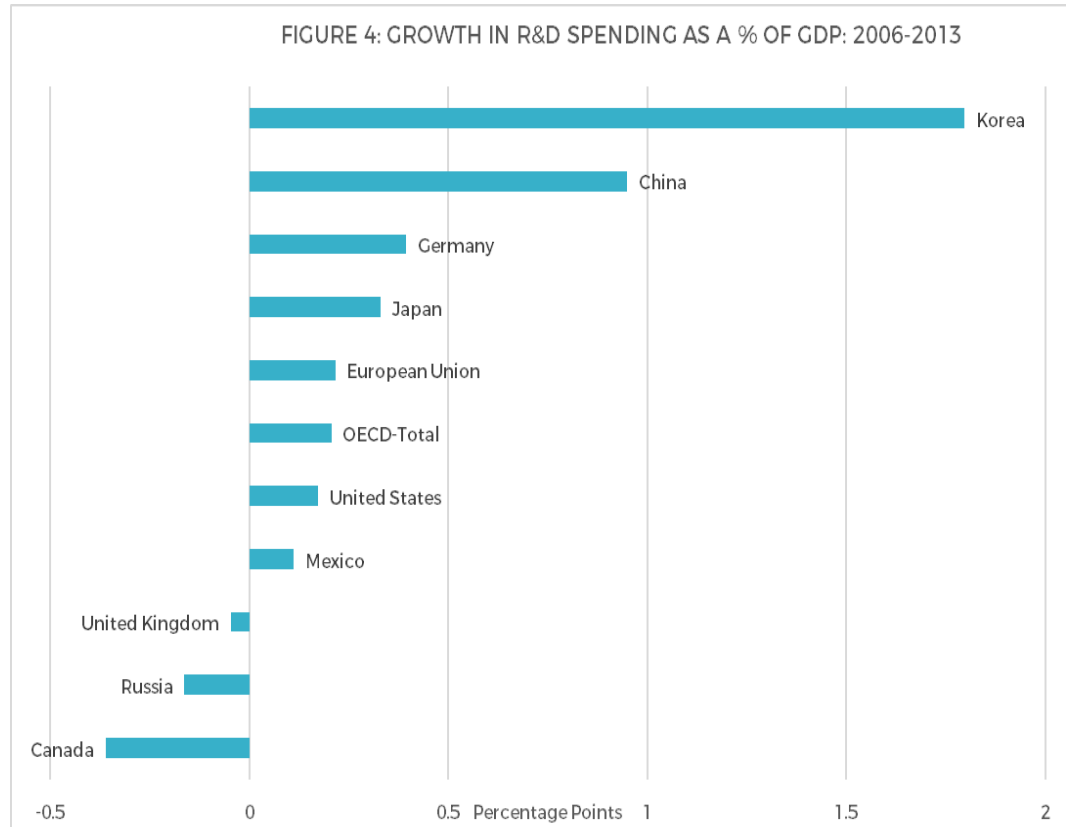




# U.S. Investment vs. Other Nations

According to the OECD, government R&D spending as a percent of GDP between 2000 and 2013 increased by 1.8 percentage points in South Korea and 0.95 percentage points in China;

By contrast U.S. government R&D spending increased by only 0.17 percentage points during the same period.



## COALITION MEMBERS

MOBILE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (AL)  
LOS ANGELES AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (CA)  
SAN DIEGO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (CA)  
SAN FRANCISCO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (CA)  
PASADENA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (CA)  
SILICON VALLEY LEADERSHIP GROUP (CA)  
AURORA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (CO)  
COLORADO BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE (CO)  
DENVER METRO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (CO)  
SOUTH DENVER METRO CHAMBER (CO)  
BOULDER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (CO)  
FORT COLLINS AREAS CHAMBER (CO)  
THE BRIDGEPORT REGIONAL BUSINESS COUNCIL (CT)  
THE BUSINESS COUNCIL OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY (CT)  
GAINESVILLE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (FL)  
GREATER MIAMI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (FL)  
GREATER TAMPA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (FL)  
ATHENS AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (GA)  
GEORGIA CHAMBER (GA)  
DEKALB CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (GA)  
METRO ATLANTA CHAMBER (GA)  
GREATER DES MOINES PARTNERSHIP (IA)  
IOWA CITY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (IA)  
CHICAGOLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (IL)  
NAPERVILLE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (IL)  
INDY CHAMBER (IN)  
GREATER TOPEKA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (KS)  
LAWRENCE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (KS)  
MANHATTAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (KS)  
GREATER BOSTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (MA)  
CAMBRIDGE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (MA)  
WORCESTER REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (MA)  
NEW ENGLAND COUNCIL (MA, RI, CT, VT, NH, ME)  
MARYLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (MD)  
ANN ARBOR/YPSILANTI REGIONAL CHAMBER (MI)  
MINNEAPOLIS REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (MN)  
GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (MO)  
ST. LOUIS REGIONAL CHAMBER (MO, IL)  
CARY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (NC)  
CHARLOTTE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (NC)  
CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (NC)  
FAYETTEVILLE REGIONAL CHAMBER (NC)  
GREATER DURHAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (NC)  
GREATER RALEIGH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (NC)  
GREATER WINSTON-SALEM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (NC)  
MORRISVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (NC)  
GREATER OMAHA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (NE)  
MIDJERSEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (NJ)  
PRINCETON REGIONAL CHAMBER (NJ)  
BROOKLYN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (NY)  
CAPITAL REGION CHAMBER (NY)  
MANHATTAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (NY)  
TOMPKINS COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (NY)  
COLUMBUS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (OH)  
DAYTON DEVELOPMENT COALITION (OH)  
GREATER CLEVELAND PARTNERSHIP (OH)  
GREATER OKLAHOMA CITY CHAMBER (OK)  
EUGENE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (OR)  
PORTLAND BUSINESS ALLIANCE (OR)  
SPRINGFIELD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (OR)  
CHAMBER OF BUSINESS & INDUSTRY OF CENTRE COUNTY (PA)  
THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR GREATER PHILADELPHIA (PA,  
NJ, DE)  
GREATER PITTSBURGH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (PA)  
CEO COUNCIL FOR GROWTH (PA, NJ, DE)  
GREATER PROVIDENCE CHAMBER (RI)  
AUSTIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (TX)  
TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF BUSINESS (TX)  
LUBBOCK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (TX)  
SALT LAKE CHAMBER (UT)  
DULLES REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (VA)  
CHARLOTTESVILLE REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (VA)  
GREATER RICHMOND CHAMBER (VA)  
NORTHERN VIRGINIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (VA)  
SEATTLE METROPOLITAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (WA)  
GREATER MADISON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (WI)

# Discussion & Questions

- FY18 Appropriations update
- 2018 D.C. fly-in
- How to join!

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# 2018 Agendas

## Processes & Priorities

- Top issues for the coming year
  - Federal, state, local
  - Offensive/Defensive
- Agenda-setting
  - Committees
  - Member surveys

# Housekeeping

## Looking Ahead

- Next call
  - January 25, 2pm ET
- 2018 Programming
  - Roundtable discussion topics
  - Expert presentations
  - #ACCE18
    - DSMUSA, July 17-20
    - Request for Submissions