**A Letter to Your Federal Relations Team Supporting Appropriations for the CHIPS and Science Act**

**[Date]**

**[Address]**

Dear [**NAME**],

As you know, Congress passed, and President Biden signed, the CHIPS and Science Act in August 2022, which authorizes major increases in funding for the National Science Foundation (NSF) and other agencies.

Embedded in that legislation is language that authorizes NSF to begin providing direct financial support to tech transfer operations like ours.

Those provisions will allow NSF to provide grants of up to $1 million per year, for three years, to help fund:

* Hiring more staff,
* defraying patenting costs,
* training for tech transfer staff, and
* providing support for tech transfer investments to build capacity.

The legislation also could:

* Provide startups and small businesses within the region with access to facilities, scientific infrastructure, personnel, and other assets as required for technology maturation,
* support entrepreneurial training for startup and small business staff, and
* Provide college students with engineering and entrepreneurial experiences and hands-on training.

Now that these new programs are authorized, we need NSF to receive sufficient funding to implement them. NSF did receive an additional $1 billion for FY ’23, but it is unclear if the agency will be using those funds to inaugurate these new tech transfer enhancement programs.

As our university lobbies Congress for increases in NSF appropriations for FY ’24 and beyond, we should include references to these potential positive impacts for tech transfer as another reason for our Congressional delegation to support the highest funding levels possible for NSF.

Our office is happy to provide more specific details about how these grants could benefit our state and region. We believe the benefits of the new programs would be great selling points for increased NSF funding in the coming years.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]