

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Representative Rush Holt (NJ-12) today issued the following statement on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Bill of 2009, about which the House Committee on Appropriations released details. The recovery package includes at least \$10 billion of new funding for science research and facilities, including \$3 billion for the National Science Foundation, \$2 billion for physical science research at the Department of Energy, and \$3.5 billion for the National Institutes of Health. In addition, the bill includes more than \$30 billion for investments in energy research and technologies that will transform the nation's energy infrastructure for the 21st century.

In December, Holt hosted a roundtable discussion at Princeton University, along with Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Congressional leaders, and national leaders in the science and technology community to highlight the importance of innovation infrastructure to ensure long-term American competitiveness.

“We are on the cusp of making a once-in-a-generation investment in science,” Holt said. “Science research is a powerful, maybe the most powerful, economic engine, creating jobs in the short-term and building our economy in the long-term. I thank Speaker Pelosi for her unwavering and forward-looking commitment to research and development and I look forward to working with her, the 111th Congress, and the new President to ensure that this funding remains in the final economic recovery bill.”

A summary of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Bill can be found [here](#) .

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