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BART FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE PACKAGE & RECORD OF DECISION (ROD) FROM FTA FOR BART PHASE II

We urge Congress to pass an infrastructure funding package that includes increases for federal programs that build commuter rail and we encourage the FTA approve a favorable Record of Decision for BART to Silicon Valley Phase II. We thank the FTA and Congress for entering into a Full Funding Grant Agreement in 2017 with Caltrain and request Congress maintain the \$100 million currently included in the President's FY 19 Budget request



IMMIGRATION REFORM – DACA AND H1B VISAS

Immigration reform is desperately needed to accelerate U.S. job-growth and allow American companies to fully compete in the international marketplace.

We urge Congress to preserve the DACA program to retain DREAMers who are already part of our schools, communities and economy, and to increase the number of H-1B visas to attract top foreign talent.



INCREASE U.S. SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH INVESTMENTS

Innovation accounts for half of economic growth since WWII. The government provides approximately 60% of research funding that supplements private investments. As global competitors increase their R&D investment, we must raise our funding to retain dominance in medical and scientific innovation. Congress should prioritize increased research funding to ensure U.S. economic and job growth.



CYBERSECURITY IS A PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

Public-Private Partnerships are needed to secure cyber networks, and promote safe and reliable online commerce in a policy environment that respects data privacy. This may be achieved by:

Building a Cyber Guard of private industry volunteers who can respond to cyber incidents

Limiting company liability with industry led, cyber risk management practices

Growing a cyber-ready workforce



PROMOTE UNIFIED FRAMEWORK FOR AUTOMATED VEHICLES

The promise of automated vehicles (AV) technology is nothing short of revolutionary. The Leadership Group supports a unified regulatory and legal framework that clearly delineates state and federal roles as they relate to AVs. We applaud the House of Representative's passage of the SELF DRIVE Act, and encourage the Senate Commerce Committee to continue its bipartisan efforts to move the AV START Act Forward.



EDUCATION REAUTHORIZATION OF THIS HIGHER ACT

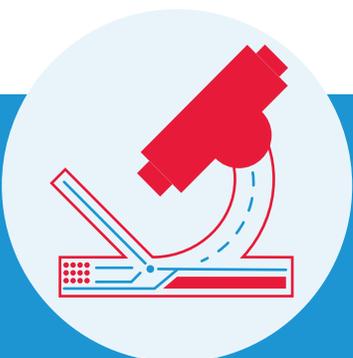
The Silicon Valley Leadership Group urges Congress to expand access to higher education, particularly for individuals pursuing careers in public service & STEM, by including financial supports within the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act. This should include funding to support graduate research and maintain incentives for students entering public service fields such as teaching.



SUPPORT NAFTA RENEGOTIATION OF CANADIAN DE MINIMIS THRESHOLD

Canada represents one of the largest foreign markets for American goods and services, accounting for \$320 billion of exports in 2016, sustaining the economic growth of domestic companies, and providing American jobs.

Canada's de minimis limit should be increased to the U.S. limit, helping reduce trade barriers and level the field for global commerce.



MODERNIZE THE U.S. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT TAX CREDIT

Enhancing the federal research and development tax credit will produce new innovations that will spark economic growth and produce new American jobs. The Silicon Valley Leadership Group urges Congress to support the following:

Match the Alternative Simplified Credit Rate (14%) to the regular research and development tax credit (20%)

Support and pass H.R. 2821, the REACH Act

Increase federal investments in research and development to compete with the incentives of other OECD countries