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Headline: #ResearchRelief advocacy campaign starts today!

The nation's federal research agencies and research universities are at the forefront of our fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. However, due to the pandemic, countless non-COVID research projects are on hold, **putting the research workforce – especially the early-career workforce made up of graduate students and postdocs – at risk.**

The nonpartisan Congressional Research Service reports that impacts from COVID-19 on the federal research enterprise are far-reaching, resulting in lab and user facility closures, canceled conferences, equipment delays, and increased costs for ongoing R&D. To counter the negative impacts of COVID-19 on the research community, **ASA, CSSA, and SSSA are partnering with more than 20 other professional societies to organize a Research Relief Advocacy campaign on September 8-10.**

Both the House and Senate have introduced the RISE Act (H.R. 7308, S. 4286), bipartisan legislation authorizing billions in emergency funding to U.S. researchers impacted by the pandemic. This funding will support and maintain the research workforce, mitigate disruptions to federally-supported research and core research facilities, and restart research halted or slowed due to COVID-19.

We need you to act! Over the next three days, we are urging scientists, mathematicians, and engineers to contact their congressional delegation to encourage passage of the RISE Act.

Use this link to email or tweet to your Members of Congress.

We must act now. **Help protect the research enterprise and join your fellow scientists in contacting Congress today!**

HOUSE EMAIL

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