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SCIENTIST VISITS NATION'S CAPITOL FOR CONGRESSIONAL VISITS
Improving Research Opportunities for our Nation's Future

Washington, DC – September 18-19 marked the annual Coalition for National Science Funding (CNSF) Congressional Visits Day (CVD) to call for increased federal investment for the National Science Foundation (NSF). More than 50 scientists, engineers, and business leaders from a variety of organizations representing multi-disciplinary backgrounds attended the event. They met in our Nation's Capitol for briefings with Administration officials and Congressional leaders and staff. The event stressed the need for Congress to increase and balance federal investment in research and development that is essential to U.S. global leadership.

Dr. Stephen Swallow (Professor in the Department of Environmental and Natural Resources Economics, University of Rhode Island) participated on behalf of The Council on Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics (C-FARE). Dr. Swallow was part of a team of scientists from a variety of disciplines and universities who met with the Rhode Island delegation to emphasize that research is an investment that yields present and future benefits, not simply a current expense. Member offices visited included: Senator Jack Reed (D-RI), Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), Congressman Patrick Kennedy (RI-1), and Congressman James Langevin (RI-2).

Dr. Swallow also participated in a reception held on September 18 by CNSF which included remarks by Congressman Vernon Ehlers (MI-3) and Congressman Patrick Kennedy (RI-1).

C-FARE is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the application of economics to food, agricultural and resource issues at the national level.

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