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The Honorable Cindy Hyde-Smith
702 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jacky Rosen
144 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Hyde-Smith and Senator Rosen:

On behalf of the over 150,000 members of the American Chemical Society (ACS), I write to express our support for S. 4677, the STEM Restoring Employment Skills through Targeted Assistance, Re-entry, and Training (RESTART) Act.

The ACS applauds your bipartisan leadership supporting women, underrepresented minorities and rural communities as they seek to gain employment in the STEM fields, either early in their career or as they rejoin the workforce. Incentivizing companies to support a diverse STEM workforce, through mentorships and “returnships” is a thoughtful and innovative way to ensure robust participation. The ACS believes that creating multiple entry points to STEM education and jobs can help meet job seekers where they are in their careers, ultimately bridging gaps of access and equity in the workforce, and supporting the U.S. economy.

We look forward to working with your offices as this critical legislation advances and stand ready to assist where needed. Please do not hesitate to reach out to Lauren Posey (l_posey@acs.org) in the Office of External Affairs and Communications with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Glenn Ruskin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Glenn S. Ruskin