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Dear colleagues,

I am the president and dean of a PhD-granting graduate school within an independent research institute. Our degree in molecular and cell biology prepares future biomedical research leaders for our country and beyond.

We rely on the regular and extensive data from the annual NSF Survey of Earned Doctorates for our strategic planning and for guiding how best to recruit, retain, support, and prepare our graduate students. The data gathered and shared through this mechanism for several decades now provides important information for policy, budget, and regulatory decision at both the local and national levels. Discussions at regional meetings (e.g., the Midwest Association of Graduate Schools) and at national conventions (e.g., Council of Graduate Schools) are often fueled by the data that arise from the NSF SED survey. I strongly encourage the continued funding of this valuable resource for our nation's research infrastructure, particularly given what it tells us about the future of that infrastructure arising in our doctoral programs.

Thank you for considering these comments. I remain

Sincerely yours,

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