

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

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Honorable Tom Bevill
Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development
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Dear Chairman Bevill:

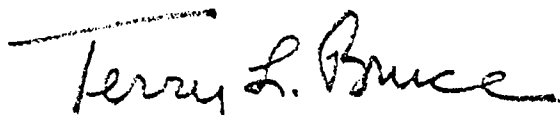
We are writing in support of the Department of Energy's fiscal year 1988 funding request of \$35 million for the Superconducting Super Collider, or SSC. Specifically, the DOE's request includes \$25 million for continuing research and development and \$10 million for initial construction costs.

There are several important reasons why the United States should move ahead on the SSC. First, the SSC will result in the long-term benefit of the U.S. industrial economy. Solutions to the problems that U.S. industry faces and our ability to produce better competitive products with the most competitive manufacturing processes, depend upon continued technological progress which the SSC can provide.

Moreover, if the United States does not move forward on the SSC, others will. The Japanese have expressed interest in proceeding with a similar project. Europe and the Soviet Union have already embarked on powerful new accelerators which will give them world leadership in high energy physics throughout the 1990's. If we lose our scientific leadership to Europe and Japan, we undoubtedly will lose our scientists as well.

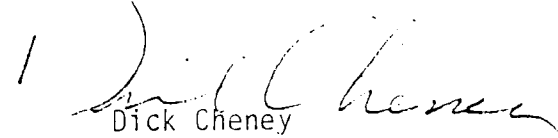
As you are aware, this request represents less than one ten-thousandth of one percent of the proposed federal budget. We believe a fraction of a percent of our federal budget is not too much to invest to learn about the origin of our universe.

Sincerely,


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