Government and universities have partnered for 150 years on research that has improved Americans’ security, health, and quality of life through innovation.

But the partnership faces critical challenges:
- Unstable federal funding
- Unreimbursed research costs
- Cost inefficiencies in research
- Decades-long decline in state funding
- Burdensome regulations
- Competition for international students

Future innovation depends upon . . .

**KEEPING THE RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP STRONG**

**Revitalize the Partnership**
- Federal and state governments: provide strong, stable funding
- States: give public universities greater autonomy
- Universities: increase cost-effectiveness and productivity
- Business: help speed the transfer of innovations to society

**Strengthen Institutions**
- Federal and state regulations: modify or eliminate
- Research sponsors: cover the full cost of research
- Federal Strategic Investment Initiative: fund research on national priorities

**Build Talent**
- Universities and federal agencies: address student attrition, time-to-degree, and funding
- All stakeholders: improve the participation of women and minorities in STEM
- Federal government: ensure participation of international students