

Homework Assignment 1/3

- America COMPETES Reauthorization Act (H.R. 1806 -114th Congress) – House Science Majority Bill
 - Provides authorizations for NSF, DOE Science, and NIST
 - Breaking with tradition, bill authorizes at the NSF Directorate level (ie, CISE, BIO, GEO, etc)
 - Provides increased funding for CISE (+\$100M), MPS (+\$134M), ENG (+\$85M), BIO (+\$87M) **at the expense of SBE (-\$141M) and GEO (-\$165M)**

Homework Assignment 2/3

- Rationale from Majority:
 - Funding for CISE, ENG, MPS and BIO creates jobs and fuels innovation that drives US economy
 - Climate change research in GEO and work in the Social, Behavioral and Economic sciences are less useful and not a compelling use of Federal funds
 - Under strict budget environment, priorities have to be set

Homework Assignment 3/3

Pretend you were a witness at a committee hearing on the bill. Draft a 1 minute response that could serve as an answer to the question of why you would support or oppose the Majority's approach. Make sure you justify your rationale.