**National Space Grant Alliance**

**Alliance Board Special Teleconference – July 15, 2011**

**Present** – Chris Brown, Yervant Terzian, Majid Jaraiedi, Dick Henry, John Gregory, Pete Schultz

**Guests –** Chris Koehler, Carolyn Fuller

**House**

Chris Brown/Carolyn Fuller will draft a letter for all directors to modify and send to house members to let them know impact of House CJS Actions. Will run this by the Alliance board.

Chris Brown will contact Brad Miller (NC-13, Democrat, House Committee on Science, Space and Technology, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, Heather Parsons Legislative Director). Will ask if Miller would sponsor an amendment. Will ask for advice on what the offset could be.

**Senate**

Chris Brown/Carolyn Fuller will generate a draft letter/talking points on impact of a 41% cut in the budget on Space Grant impact. Will run this by Alliance board.

Dick Henry will contact Mikulski office for an appointment for early August. Will include Jean Toal-Eisen and Chris Brown and may also include other Space Grant Directors.

Chris Brown will contact Wally Fowler to do the same for Hutchison’s office.

Chris Brown will contact Directors from states with other Senate subcommittee members who might be helpful. Directors need to contact (order of preference - visit, call, email) and share the letter/talking points.

Majority (D) Minority (R)

Daniel Inouye (HI) Richard Shelby (AL)

Patrick Leahy (VT) Mitch McConnell (KY)

Herb Kohl (WI) Lamar Alexander (TN)

Dianne Feinstein (CA) Lisa Murkowski (AK)

Jack Reed (RI) Ron Johnson (WI)

Frank Lautenberg (NJ) Susan Collins (ME)

Ben Nelson (NE) Lindsey Graham (SC)

Mark Pryor (AR)

Sherrod Brown (OH)

Chris Brown will contact Directors from states with other Senators who might be helpful and ask them contact (order of preference - visit, call, email) and share the letter/talking points. These include Kirsten Gillibrand (NY), Debbie Stabenow (MI), Bill Nelson (FL), Tom Udall (NM), Jay Rockefeller (WVA), others?

The Alliance Board will decide on a date for a Hill Visit Day. We will ask as many Space Grant Directors as possible to attend.

Chris Brown will generate a succinct (good luck) email to all SG Directors describing the Alliance Boards recommended approach (letters, talking points, visits, APLU/AAU interactions).