

REP. DAVIS INTRODUCES AMENDMENT TO SAVE STEM PROGRAM

WASHINGTON, DC (JUNE 14, 2011) - REP. DANNY K. DAVIS (D-IL) INTRODUCES AMENDMENT TO AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS BILL TO RESTORE FUNDING FOR WOMEN AND MINORITIES

Congressman Davis introduced amendment to help restore \$400,000 for the Women and Minorities in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Fields Program better known as STEM. This program is part of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture and Extension Activities of the Department of Agriculture.

STEM aims at supporting research and extension activities that increase the number of women and underrepresented minorities from rural areas who will pursue and complete a postsecondary degree in science, technology, engineering or mathematics disciplines. Specifically, the purpose of this grant program is to support research and extension projects that provide science based knowledge, skills and competencies to women and underrepresented minorities from rural areas with successful placement in the workforce and to develop innovators and entrepreneurs who would add value and diversification in STEM fields that are relevant to the United States Department of Agriculture's priorities pertaining to Sustainable Energy; Climate Change; Food Safety; Nutrition and Childhood Obesity; and Global Food Security.