



The Honorable Bob Gibbs
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Dear Congressman Gibbs:

I am writing to request a meeting with you or a member of your science staff on Tuesday, March 19, Wednesday, March 20, or Thursday, March 21. I am a visiting researcher at Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory (Fermilab) – our nation's premier particle physics research facility – located outside Chicago in Batavia, Illinois, and I received my Bachelor's degree in physics at Kenyon College, in your district. I am currently pursuing my Ph.D. at the University of Rochester, working on an experiment hosted here at Fermilab, and I am a delegate of the Fermilab Users Executive Committee, which represents thousands of students and researchers from the United States and around the world collaborating at Fermilab.

Each year a delegation from Fermilab, together with representatives of the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center in California and the U.S.-based users of the Large Hadron Collider in Europe, visits Washington, D.C. on behalf of the U.S. high energy physics community. Together, we represent more than 6,000 physicists and students, from 160 universities and from the Department of Energy national laboratories. Our purpose is to meet with members of Congress and their staff to discuss the importance of continuing federal investment in the physical sciences in general, and in high energy physics in particular. We also hope to share our enthusiasm for cutting-edge scientific and technological research at a time when basic research is of critical importance to our nation's long-term competitiveness. Our group includes a number of younger scientists, including graduate students, like myself, and postdoctoral researchers, who represent our country's future in scientific innovation. We feel it is especially important for these voices to be heard in Washington.

Thank you for considering my request for a meeting. Your office may reach me on my mobile phone at (914) 886-2385, or by email at rfine4@gmail.com. I look forward to meeting with you soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert D. Fine".

Rob Fine