

What exactly is science policy? My adventure with Representative Bill Foster



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Mather Policy Intern Program



- The John and Jane Mather Foundation for Science and the Arts
- To Engage with the policy process
- The House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
- Rush Holt (D-NJ)
- Bill Foster (D-IL)

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- **Physicist at Fermilab**
 - Ph.D., Harvard 1976
 - APS Fellow, 1998
 - Helped discover the top quark
- **Businessman**
- **Member of Congress**
 - 2008-2011
 - 2013-Present



The Day in the Life of an Intern



113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1289

To provide a Federal charter to the Fab Foundation for the National Fab Lab Network, a national network of local digital fabrication facilities providing community access to advanced manufacturing tools for learning skills, developing inventions, creating businesses, and producing personalized products.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 20, 2013

Mr. FOSTER (for himself, Mr. HULTGREN, Mr. MASSIE, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. CARNEY, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. LOEBSACK, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. PETERS of Michigan, Mr. POCAN, Mr. RUSH, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, and Ms. SHEA-PORTER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

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