



MEMBER OF CONGRESS

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Greetings from Congresswoman Barbara Lee

Dear Friends,

It is my honor to congratulate you on the 25th anniversary of the Mathematical Sciences Research Institute (MSRI) in Berkeley, CA.

I had the privilege of meeting several members and staff at MSRI in May 2007, and I can say with confidence that this is an exceptional institution that provides educators, mathematicians, and members of the public with a forum where they can come together and work collaboratively to further math and science competency in our communities and our world.

As you know, math and science education is vital now more than ever. In the Democratic lead Congress, my colleagues and I have been working hard on several fronts to make college more affordable, and keep America on the cutting edge of science and technology well into the 21st century.

In the 9th Congressional District, we are fortunate to have MSRI leading the way and bolstering our collective efforts. MSRI is one of the world's premiere centers for the mathematical sciences, and has been advancing mathematical research through workshops and programs since its founding in 1982. Most importantly, MSRI has always sponsored free public events in Berkeley, and throughout the greater Bay Area, which aim to expand the understanding of how math impacts our society.

It is with great enthusiasm that we can take this day to reflect on the positive impact MSRI has had on our relationship with mathematics. Again, I congratulate you as you celebrate 25 years of commitment and innovation. On behalf of the residents of the 9th Congressional District of California, I wish you the very best.

Sincerely Yours,

Barbara Lee
Member of Congress