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## Innovation Choke Points:

### What Thwarts U.S. R&D investments, Commercialization, Job Growth and Competitiveness Most?

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A luncheon briefing presented by ASTRA, The Alliance for Science & Technology Research in America for the House R&D Caucus.

Congress continues to seek solutions to help the nation regain its lost momentum as the world's most innovative and competitive country. Please join us and participate in a nonpartisan panel discussion with leading experts in business commercialization, small business and entrepreneurship, patent and intellectual property, and innovation measurement and assessment.

**Topics covered will include:**

- Overview: Measuring the Decline of U.S. Science Leadership & Where We are Headed (Shelton)
- Barriers to Commercialization of R&D Discovery: The University-Industry Interface — What's Working and What's Not (Darmody, Johnson)
- Modernizing America's Intellectual Property System: The Importance of the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office (USPTO) in enabling U.S. Innovation and Competitiveness (Graham)
- "Missing in Action": The Role Small Businesses and Entrepreneurs Should be Playing in Reviving the U.S. Innovation Economy (Bendis)

This briefing is free and open to the public but space is limited. Luncheon will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please RSVP ASAP to Robert Boege at [rboege@comcast.net](mailto:rboege@comcast.net) to assure your space as well as to identify any accommodation you may need for the event.