J Michael Pearson* (pearson@maa.org). Disciplinary Societies and Federal Policy for Support of Research and Education.

The mathematical sciences community depends on federal support through the National Science Foundation, and, to a lesser extent, agencies such as the National Security Agency, the Department of Energy, and NASA. The MAA and our sister societies engage with policy makers directly and in collaboration with other STEM disciplinary societies, government relations officers representing colleges and universities around the country, and other organizations such as the National Academies and AAAS. The roles and relationships we play have their origins in the collaboration between academic, corporate, and government entities through World War II. I will offer a thumbnail sketch of this history, with a particular view of how mathematics (and mathematics organizations) participated in this history, and discuss what we are doing now to ensure that our voices remain central to ongoing conversations regarding future support. (Received September 26, 2018)