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A bipartisan (and Pennsylvania-heavy) group of lawmakers is pushing temporary tax breaks to help stimulate investment in scientific fields.

Legislation – introduced in the House by four Democrats and Republicans apiece – would allow companies in the life sciences industry to either bring offshore profits home at a reduced tax rate or claim an enhanced research and development tax credit.

"Tax cuts in these targeted areas will allow scientists and researchers to make investments in the work and hire more employees, just what this economy needs to get moving again," Rep. Jason Altmire (D-Pa.), one of the measure's sponsors, said in a statement.

Sen. Bob Casey (D-Pa.) has introduced the Senate version of the legislation. Five other Pennsylvanians – Reps. Allyson Schwartz (D), Pat Meehan (R), Jim Gerlach (R), Charlie Dent (R), and Chaka Fattah (D) – joined Altmire in introducing the House legislation, as did Reps. Devin Nunes (R-Calif.) and Bill Pascrell (D-N.J.).