

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Majority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Minority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Republican Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

December 4, 2019

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Leader McCarthy, Leader McConnell and Leader Schumer,

The undersigned organizations, representing hundreds of thousands of individuals and institutions working in science, technology, engineering, medicine and mathematics, urge you to complete work on the fiscal year (FY) 2020 appropriations bills as soon as possible. The uncertainty created by short and long-term continuing resolutions (CRs) has severe consequences for science and research.

Our community is grateful for the leadership shown earlier this year when the government reached a budget agreement that lifted the restrictive discretionary budget caps in place under the Budget Control Act of 2011. Taking this important step paves the way for meaningful increases to science and research programs and agencies across the federal government in 2020 and beyond. Furthermore, we are encouraged by the strong support from appropriators on both sides of the Capitol and on both sides of the aisle for increasing funding for research and development (R&D) across multiple agencies and programs.

Federal investments provide the lifeblood for research, discovery and innovation in the United States, driving one of the most powerful engines for American prosperity and global leadership. At least two dozen federal agencies fund defense and nondefense R&D. Failing to complete work on the appropriations bills that fuel this engine in a timely manner impedes our ability to address fundamental challenges such as chronic and infectious diseases, food and energy security, cybersecurity and natural disasters—all of which require advancements in science and technology fostered through federal investments.

We call on you to work in a bipartisan manner and without delay to complete work on the FY 2020 spending bills so that we can continue to lead the world in science and innovation and improve the health, security and economic strength of our nation. Our organizations and our members stand ready to work with you toward this goal. Thank you for consideration of our views.

Sincerely,

Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics  
Academy of Radiology and Biomedical Imaging Research  
AcademyHealth  
Acoustical Society of America  
Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research

AdvaMedDx  
American Anthropological Association  
American Association for Dental Research  
American Association for the Advancement of Science  
American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases  
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy  
American Association of Geographers  
American Association of Immunologists  
American Association of Mycobacterial Diseases  
American Association of Physical Anthropologists  
American Association of Physicists in Medicine  
American Association of Physics Teachers  
American Astronomical Society  
American Chemical Society  
American College of Nuclear Medicine (ACNM)  
American College of Radiology  
American Crystallographic Association  
American Dairy Science Association  
American Diabetes Association  
American Educational Research Association  
American Gastroenterological Association  
American Geophysical Union  
American Heart Association  
American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering  
American Institute of Biological Sciences  
American Institute of Chemical Engineers  
American Institute of Physics  
American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine  
American Mathematical Society  
American Meteorological Society  
American Physical Society  
American Physiological Society  
American Phytopathological Society  
American Political Science Association  
American Psychological Association  
American Roentgen Ray Society  
The American Society for Cell Biology  
American Society for Engineering Education  
American Society for Investigative Pathology  
American Society for Microbiology  
American Society for Nutrition  
American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics  
American Society for Virology  
American Society of Agronomy  
American Society of Emergency Radiology  
American Society of Hematology  
American Society of Human Genetics  
American Society of Neuroradiology (ASNR)

American Society of Plant Biologists  
American Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene  
American Sociological Association  
American Statistical Association  
American Veterinary Medical Association  
Aquatic Plant Management Society  
Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)  
Association for Psychological Science  
Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO)  
Association of American Cancer Institutes  
Association of American Medical Colleges  
Association of American Universities  
Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges  
Association of Independent Research Institutes  
Association of Population Centers  
Association of Public and Land-grant Universities  
Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health  
Association of Science and Technology Centers  
Association of University Radiologists  
Behavior Genetics Association  
Biophysical Society  
Coalition for National Science Funding  
Coalition for National Security Research (CNSR)  
Coalition for the Life Sciences  
Computing Research Association  
Consortium of Social Science Associations  
Council of Graduate Schools  
Council on Undergraduate Research  
Crop Science Society of America  
CureHHT  
Duke University  
Ecological Society of America  
Endocrine Society  
Entomological Society of America  
FASS  
Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology  
Federation of Associations in Behavioral & Brain Sciences  
Fight Colorectal Cancer  
Florida State University  
Genetics Society of America  
Geological Society of America  
Global Health Technologies Coalition  
GO2 Foundation for Lung Cancer  
Hydrocephalus Association  
Infectious Diseases Society of America  
Institute for Systems Biology  
Institute of Food Technologists  
Institute of Mathematical Statistics

International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine  
International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis  
The Kidney Cancer Association  
KidneyCAN  
The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society  
LUNgevity Foundation  
Materials Research Society  
Medical Image Perception Society  
The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research  
Moffitt Cancer Center  
Mycobacterial Diseases of Animals Multi-State Initiative  
National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research  
National Alliance on Mental Illness  
National Association for Biomedical Research  
National Coalition for Food and Agricultural Research (NCFAR)  
Neurofibromatosis Network  
New Mexico Academy of Science  
Oregon State University  
OSA-The Optical Society  
Pancreatic Cancer Action Network  
Penn State University  
Population Association of America  
Poultry Science Association  
Research!America  
Rochester Academy of Science, Rochester, NY  
SAGE Publishing  
Seismological Society of America  
SHEPHERD Foundation  
Society for Advanced Body Imaging  
Society for American Archaeology  
The Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America  
Society for Imaging Informatics in Medicine  
Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology  
Society for Neuroscience  
Society for Pediatric Radiology  
Society for Personality and Social Psychology  
Society for Psychophysiological Research  
Society for the Study of Evolution  
Society of Breast Imaging  
Society of Chairs of Academic Radiology Departments  
Society of General Internal Medicine  
Society of Skeletal Radiology  
Society of Thoracic Radiology  
Society of Toxicology  
Soil Science Society of America  
Southeastern Universities Research Association  
SPIE, the international society for optics and photonics  
The State University of New York

Supporters of Agricultural Research (SoAR) Foundation  
Theresa's Research Foundation  
Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance  
UCLA  
Union of Concerned Scientists  
US Dairy Forage Research Center Stakeholder Committee  
Vanderbilt University  
Veterans for Common Sense  
Weed Science Society of America  
West Virginia University  
Western North American Region (WNAR) of the International Biometric Society (IBS)  
Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution  
ZERO - The End of Prostate Cancer