



August 9, 2016

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
317 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Harry Reid
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
522 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Thad Cochran
Chairman
U.S. Senate
Committee on Appropriations
S-128 U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Barbara Mikulski
Ranking Member
U.S. Senate
Committee on Appropriations
S-146A U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators McConnell, Reid, Cochran, and Mikulski:

On behalf of the Coalition for National Science Funding (CNSF) – an alliance of 130 professional organizations, scientific societies, national associations, and universities – we thank you for your longstanding and consistent support for the National Science Foundation (NSF). Additionally, we strongly encourage you and all of the Members of the 114th Congress to complete the Fiscal Year 2017 appropriations process this year. Doing so will help ensure a stable funding environment.

For the first time in years, both the House and Senate Appropriations Committees have passed all 12 spending bills out of committee. Achieving the considerable accomplishment of moving all of the funding bills through regular order is due to your dedication, bipartisan collaboration, and the hard-work of Members and congressional staff. We strongly encourage Congress to complete the Fiscal Year 2017 appropriations process this year and not consider a long-term continuing resolution, which would effectively stifle funding for any new investments in scientific research, engineering, and STEM education grants and programs.

As the only federal research agency “charged with the promotion of scientific progress across all scientific and engineering disciplines,” the research supported by NSF is absolutely vital to the nation’s economic health, national security, and global competitiveness. Since 2010, funding for the agency has

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lost ground in real dollars. While federal financial support for research is declining, other nations are increasing their investment in research and development. For the United States to remain globally competitive and be the birthplace of cutting-edge scientific innovations, we advise Congress to complete the Fiscal Year 2017 process this year and appropriate \$7.564 billion for NSF in FY2017.

Again, we appreciate your longstanding support for NSF. Upon Congress' return from the August recess, we certainly hope that legislative action will be taken to complete the appropriations process and appropriate the aforementioned funding for NSF.

Sincerely,

Coalition for National Science Funding

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Pennsylvania State University
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Population Centers
Princeton University
The PsySiP Project
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Research!America
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Seismological Society of America
Society for American Archaeology
Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics
Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology
Society for Neuroscience
Society for Research in Child Development
Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI)
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