



December 22, 2018

AAAS Statement on U.S. Government Shutdown

“Any shutdown of the federal government can disrupt or delay research projects, lead to uncertainty over new research, and reduce researcher access to agency data and infrastructure. The U.S. innovation system relies on robust investments in science and engineering to serve the public good. We urge Congress and the White House to work together in a bipartisan manner to reach an agreement on fiscal year 2019 appropriations that allows continued operation of research agencies, including the National Science Foundation, the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and NASA. Continuing resolutions and short-term extensions are no way to run a government.”

— Rush Holt, chief executive officer, American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)

###

The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) is the world’s largest general scientific society and publisher of the journal *Science*, as well as *Science Translational Medicine*; *Science Signaling*; a digital, open-access journal, *Science Advances*; *Science Immunology*; and *Science Robotics*. AAAS was founded in 1848 and includes nearly 250 affiliated societies and academies of science, serving 10 million individuals. *Science* has the largest paid circulation of any peer-reviewed general science journal in the world. The nonprofit AAAS is open to all and fulfills its mission to “advance science and serve society” through initiatives in science policy, international programs, science education, public engagement, and more. For additional information about AAAS, see www.aaas.org.