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AAAS Statement on Short-Term Funding Bill to End U.S. Government Shutdown

“We welcome a bipartisan agreement on fiscal year 2019 appropriations that would allow critical 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 — to get back to work in order to serve the public good. We strongly urge that a short-term funding agreement must be followed promptly with a full-year omnibus appropriations bill. The federal government should take forward-looking steps to avoid unnecessary and counterproductive funding gaps in the future. The negative impacts of this shutdown will continue to be felt by the scientific enterprise and our nation long after the government fully reopens, possibly for years. Continuing resolutions and short-term spending deals are no way to run a government.”

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

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