AAAS Statement on U.S. Federal Budget Deal for FY 2019 Appropriations

“We strongly urge that the bipartisan agreement announced by U.S. Congressional leaders on fiscal year 2019 appropriations to fund critical research agencies — including the National Science Foundation, the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Food and Drug Administration and NASA — be passed by both chambers of Congress and signed by the President into law. Another government shutdown would have a lasting negative impact on the scientific enterprise and our nation. A Feb. 11 open letter from Nobel laureates and leaders of the scientific community, including AAAS, expressed profound concern for the ‘detrimental consequences of even short-term suspensions of federal funding on the nation’s scientific enterprise.’”

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

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