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AAAS Statement on FY 2018 Omnibus Bill Funds for Scientific Research

“We thank Congress and President Trump for investing in scientific research and development by signing the FY 2018 omnibus funding bill into law. Many Members of Congress recognize that funding science and technology is critical to our nation, economic growth and public well-being. According to AAAS estimates, total federal R&D spending will reach its highest point ever in inflation-adjusted dollars. This is something to celebrate. We are gratified to see such a strong showing of support for science agencies and programs, including the National Institutes of Health and Department of Energy. These funding increases were made possible because Congress worked together to pass a bipartisan deal that raised the spending caps for defense and non-defense discretionary spending. We also thank Congress for including language in the omnibus bill that indicates the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has the authority to conduct [research](#) on the causes of gun violence.”

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

Note: For additional information on the impacts of the omnibus bill on research and development, please see a recent [analysis](#) by the AAAS R&D Budget and Policy Program.

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