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## **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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