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The Science Coalition: Government Shutdown Could Cripple Critical American Scientific Research Funding

WASHINGTON – The Science Coalition (TSC) released the following statement after Congress failed to pass a short-term continuing resolution to fund the federal government:

“The Science Coalition is disappointed that Congress has been unable to reach a funding agreement of any kind, short-term or long-term. The failure to keep the government funded and operational will have wide-ranging implications for American leadership in fundamental scientific research.

“We urge Congress to return to the negotiating table quickly, and to pursue a deal that allows adequate funding for key science programs and agencies, both defense and non-defense. It has been well documented that investment in fundamental research drives tomorrow’s transformative discoveries and underpins important American industries from agriculture and health care to technology.

“The relationship between the federal government and American research universities is unique and results in many of the world’s most impactful discoveries, which drive long-term economic growth. We look forward to continuing our work as a constructive partner to Congress in support of robust federal investments in fundamental research.”

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About the Science Coalition

Established in 1994, the [Science Coalition](#) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization of more than 50 of the nation’s leading public and private research universities. It is dedicated to sustaining the federal government’s investment in basic scientific research as a means to stimulate the economy, spur innovation, and drive America’s global competitiveness.