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The Science Coalition Applauds Congress for Approving Increased FY 2019 Appropriations for Critical Defense and Biomedical Research Programs

WASHINGTON – The Science Coalition (TSC) released the following statement after the House followed the Senate in approving the conference agreement for the Department of Defense and Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act, 2019 and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019:

“The Science Coalition is pleased that the House and Senate have approved the FY 2019 Defense and Labor-HHS-Education ‘minibus,’ which provides record support for fundamental research programs paramount to the nation’s health and security. The bill includes needed increases for priority agencies and programs including the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and Department of Defense (DOD) fundamental research programs. The work supported through these agencies and programs, including research performed at TSC member institutions, catalyzes breakthroughs that cure diseases, underpin new industries, and ensure America’s military remains the world’s most technologically advanced. The investments in research enabled by this legislation will pay dividends for the nation’s health and security for decades to come. The Science Coalition applauds Congress for taking this important step and urges lawmakers to sustain the trend of growth for federal fundamental research programs going forward.”

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About The Science Coalition

Established in 1994, [The Science Coalition](http://www.sciencecoalition.org) 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 fundamental scientific research as a means to stimulate the economy, spur innovation, and drive America’s global competitiveness.