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Coalition for National Science Funding Applauds the House Appropriations Committee for its Support for Scientific Research

The [Coalition for National Science Funding \(CNSF\)](#) – a broad-based group of professional organizations, universities, businesses, and scientific societies that advocates for sustained, robust federal support for science – issued the following statement on the FY19 House Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill.

The Coalition for National Science Funding (CNSF) applauds the House Appropriations Committee for its longstanding commitment to federally-funded scientific research. We greatly appreciate the Committee-proposed funding level of \$8.175 billion for the National Science Foundation (NSF) for FY19. After years of funding levels that have not kept pace with inflation, this proposed 5.3 percent increase is a welcome and much-needed step forward to effectively support an agency that is vital to our economy, national security, and global competitiveness.

As a pillar of America’s scientific research enterprise, NSF-funded research has advanced our knowledge and understanding of the world around us and promoted the progress of science across the academic disciplines. It has also helped propel and kept the U.S. at the forefront of science, technology, and innovative ideas and concepts. Additionally, NSF plays an essential role in preparing a STEM-capable workforce through funding K-12 STEM education programs, as well as programs for undergraduate and graduate students. We are hopeful that the final NSF appropriations bill will provide robust funding for the Education and Human Resources account that funds these critical agency activities. As the FY19 appropriations process moves forward, CNSF stands ready to work with the entire House of Representatives to achieve robust and sustained funding for NSF. **We look forward to reaching the bipartisan proposal—championed by 163 House Members—to fund NSF at \$8.45 billion in FY19.**