



June 15th, 2023

The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen  
Chair  
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice,  
Science, and Related Agencies  
U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Jerry Moran  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice,  
Science, and Related Agencies  
U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair Shaheen and Ranking Member Moran,

As the Subcommittee advances the Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, the Coalition for National Science Funding (CNSF) writes to respectfully urge the Committee to **fund the National Science Foundation at the highest possible amount building on FY23 funding levels.**

The Coalition for National Science Funding (CNSF) is an alliance of over 140 professional organizations, universities and businesses united in support for the future vitality of the National Science Foundation in order to seize the unprecedented opportunities for scientific, technological and economic progress in the United States.

Last year, large bipartisan majorities passed the CHIPS and Science Act, which authorized \$15.7 billion for the agency in FY24. NSF was the centerpiece of this legislation, recognizing the key role NSF plays in ensuring our national competitiveness and security. NSF supports research and education that foster discoveries to create new technologies and prepares students of all ages and backgrounds for the future workforce to ensure our economy remains vibrant and secure. NSF has many unmet needs to fulfill the vision of this legislation, sustain major new investments such as the Regional Innovation Engines, protect our critical science and technology ecosystem, and truly meet the urgent national security challenges we are facing from competitors, most notably China.

In FY23, Congress provided NSF with \$1 billion in supplemental emergency funding, raising its budget to \$9.8 billion. With that funding NSF has advanced a new directorate for the first time in 30 years and buttressed key efforts to advance STEM education and broaden participation. Recognizing that the debt limit deal has provided a framework for non-defense discretionary funding levels for the next two years, we request that you, at the very least, maintain funding for NSF at the FY23 level of \$9.8 billion. To provide less than that amount will result in significant cuts for the agency and send a clear message to our competitors that the U.S. is not serious about maintaining our leadership in science and technology. Holding NSF at the FY23 level of funding

without those supplemental funds would represent a 10 percent cut to NSF current funding, even before inflation considerations.

We understand this is a very challenging year to adequately fund all priorities. However, keeping America competitive in technology and defense is essential and has broad bipartisan support. We ask that you set NSF on a funding trajectory to meet the major challenges our nation faces and ensure success for our future competitiveness, security, and resilience.

Thank you for considering our input. Please do not hesitate to call on CNSF as a resource as you move forward with the appropriations process.

Sincerely,

The Coalition for National Science Funding

Identical letter to: House CJS Chair Rogers and Ranking Member Cartwright

American Anthropological Association  
American Association for the Advancement of Science  
American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research (AADOCR)  
American Association of Geographers  
American Association of Physics Teachers  
American Astronomical Society  
American Chemical Society  
American Crystallographic Association  
American Educational Research Association  
American Geophysical Union  
American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE)  
American Institute of Biological Sciences  
American Mathematical Society  
American Physical Society  
American Political Science Association  
American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology  
American Society for Microbiology  
American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics  
American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America, and Soil Science Society of America  
American Society of Civil Engineers

American Society of Plant Biologists  
American Sociological Association  
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