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Honorable Rodney Frelinghuysen
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Department of Defense
United States House of Representatives
H-405, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Honorable Pete Visclosky
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Department of Defense
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Senator Thad Cochran
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Department of Defense
United States Senate
122 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Dick Durbin
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Department of Defense
United States Senate
117 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Dear Chairmen Frelinghuysen and Cochran and Ranking Members Visclosky and Durbin:

On behalf of our 1,600 members representing all of American higher education, we write to request your continued support for the critical funding for scientific research provided through the Department of Defense (DoD). The scientific advances achieved through DoD research and the innovative technologies derived from them have been critical in ensuring the United States has a competitive advantage not just on the battlefield, but in the global economy as well.

Our members, on behalf of the entire higher education community, ask that you provide \$2.53 billion for DoD 6.1 basic research programs and \$13.4 billion for the Defense Science and Technology (S&T) budget. We also urge you to provide the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) with the Pentagon's request of \$2.9 billion in FY17 funding.

We thank you for your attention to this request and look forward to working with you to ensure that DoD research funding remains a vital component of our nation's military and economic security.

Sincerely,

Molly Corbett Broad
President