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Biophysical Society Statement on FY 2017 Omnibus Budget Bill

The Biophysical Society strongly supports the FY 2017 omnibus spending package released on May 1 that includes a \$2 billion increase for the NIH and modest increases for the National Science Foundation and the Department of Energy Office of Science. The Society urges Congress and President Trump to finalize this investment without further delay. These funds will allow researchers working across the nation to continue the important work they do that results in better health outcomes and a strong economy.

Sustainable, predictable, and robust funding is necessary to have a healthy research ecosystem and we applaud leaders of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees for persevering in support of a robust investment in NIH in FY 2017 to build on their success in FY 2016, and for sustaining support of the NSF and DOE Office of Science research programs. In particular, we commend Senate Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee Chair Roy Blunt (R-Mo.) and Ranking Member Patty Murray (D-Wash.), and House Subcommittee Chair Tom Cole (R-Okla.) and Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro (D-Conn.), for continuing the longstanding bipartisan, bicameral tradition of championing the national commitment to medical research. We also thank all the Representatives and Senators who put aside partisan divide and publicly to support this legislation.

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