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AAU STATEMENT ON FY14 OMNIBUS APPROPRIATIONS BILL

Following is a statement by the Association of American Universities on the FY14 omnibus appropriations bill, released earlier today.

While we are still studying the bill, it appears that the omnibus appropriations bill presents a mixed picture for the federal investment in research. Some agencies fared rather well, while some did poorly. We appreciate efforts to ameliorate sequestration, but even a partial sequester makes it impossible for Congress to take any serious steps to close the nation’s innovation deficit. As long as that gap continues between what the nation should be investing and what we are investing in research and higher education, other nations will continue to make rapid strides in their efforts to outcompete us.

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