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- Rice University
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September 9, 2022

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Leaders Schumer, McCarthy, and McConnell:

On behalf of the Association of American Universities, an organization of America’s leading research universities, I urge Congress to reach a bipartisan agreement to complete FY23 appropriations this fall.

AAU appreciates efforts by the House and Senate Appropriations Committees to produce FY23 funding bills, and we know that it is vital to our nation’s health, economic competitiveness, and security that Congress finish the job. The House and Senate have proposed important increases to federal investments in student aid and research. For example, both propose a \$500 increase to the annual Pell Grant maximum award as well as increases for other key student aid programs, the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, the Department of Energy’s Office of Science, and other critical higher education and research agencies and programs.


Delaying these and other federal funding decisions for FY23 will create uncertainty and impede innovation. While it is clear now that a continuing resolution will be needed to permit Congress to finalize FY23 appropriations decisions, we urge you to limit the duration of the CR and to avoid serial CRs, which slow the pace of scientific innovation and create funding uncertainty for researchers and students. In the absence of final appropriations, federal agencies postpone research award decisions and prepare for potential lapses in funding. The delays create unnecessary and costly administrative backlogs that impair our nation’s ability to outrun global competitors.

Timely completion of the FY23 appropriations process this fall will also allow enactment of key decisions Congress has already made to strengthen American science. We commend Congress for its bipartisan passage of the CHIPS and Science Act (H.R. 4346). The legislation is a monumental policy achievement for our nation’s scientific research enterprise – but, while it contains appropriations for the “CHIPS” provisions, it does not include funding for the “Science” provisions. If funded in FY23 and beyond, the act’s science provisions – including reauthorization of NSF, DOE Office of Science, NIST, and NASA space science programs – will help ensure our nation remains the world leader in scientific research and

innovation. Moreover, they will bolster our economic competitiveness and security in an increasingly competitive world. Now is the time to begin delivering on the promise of the CHIPS and Science Act's science provisions.

Our nation cannot afford inaction on FY23 appropriations. We urge Congress to complete FY23 appropriations this fall and to approve the science funding authorized in the CHIPS and Science Act as well as the highest levels of funding for student aid and other scientific research programs proposed in the House and Senate appropriations bills.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Barbara R. Snyder". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Barbara R. Snyder, President

cc: Members of House and Senate Appropriations Committees