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### **AAU STATEMENT ON HOUSE AMENDMENT TO THE ENERGY POLICY AND MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2016 (S. 2012)**

*The Association of American Universities (AAU) today issued the following statement on Division D (Science) of House amendment to the Energy Policy and Modernization Act of 2016.*

The Association of American Universities has significant concerns with Division D (Science) of the House Amendment to the Energy Policy and Modernization Act of 2016 (S. 2012). This includes the authorized funding levels in the amendment which are significantly below current FY 2016 appropriated levels for ARPA-E, the Office of Science's Biological and Environmental Research (BER) program, and critical R&D programs in Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Nuclear Energy, Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, and Fossil Energy.

AAU is concerned about several key policy directives in the House amendment which, among other things, would limit the ability of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to use the most up-to-date scientific research results in their rule-making processes. The House amendment also would restrict the Department of Energy's BER program from conducting important DOE mission-oriented environmental research.

AAU cannot support this legislation. If approved by the House, we will strongly urge conferees on the legislation to adopt the Senate-approved funding levels and policy language.

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