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December 14, 2022

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

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

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

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 (AAU), which represents America’s leading research universities, we are encouraged by yesterday’s announcement of a bipartisan framework for FY23 appropriations. Punting for another year would do irreparable harm to our nation, and we urge passage of an omnibus bill before the new year that makes crucial investments in student aid, scientific research, economic growth, and national security.

A year-long continuing resolution (CR) would be harmful to our nation. As competitor nations continue to invest more in higher education, science, and innovation, we simply cannot afford to freeze federal investments in student aid and scientific research for another year. Similarly, our nation’s scientific and innovation enterprise cannot afford another year of delay and interruption in the kind of crucial research that helped us mitigate the COVID-19 pandemic and pass a milestone in nuclear fusion. Static federal investments and [delayed federal funding decisions](#) for student aid and research programs create uncertainty and impede innovation critical to our nation’s health, competitiveness, and security.

We understand that an additional short-term continuing resolution (CR) beyond December 16th is necessary to complete work on a FY23 appropriations package. As you work to finalize a bill, we urge the inclusion of House and Senate proposals to increase 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 student aid programs, the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, the Department of Energy’s Office of Science, the Department of Defense’s Science and Technology programs, NASA, and other critical higher education and research agencies and programs.

Moreover, while the bipartisan CHIPS and Science Act was a monumental policy achievement for our nation’s scientific research enterprise, it only *authorized* additional investments in its “Science” provisions. Actual *appropriations* are still necessary. If funded at the authorized levels in FY23 and beyond, the law’s science provisions – including funding for NSF, the DOE Office of Science, and NIST – will help ensure that our nation remains the world leader in scientific research and innovation and help bolster our economic

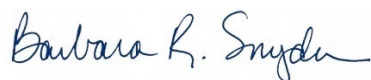
competitiveness and security. Now is the time to begin delivering on the promise of the CHIPS and Science Act's science provisions.

Finally, if additional policy and tax provisions will be added to the FY23 appropriations legislation, we urge you to include provisions to:

- **Protect Dreamers** by codifying and expanding eligibility for federal programs that protect Dreamers from deportation and provide them with a pathway to U.S. citizenship. These young people are American in every way other than their legal status, were brought to this country through no fault of their own and have done everything they have been taught to do to pursue the American Dream. It is long-past time for Congress to act on this matter, which enjoys bipartisan support, and stop leaving these young Americans' fates in the hands of conflicting court rulings.
- **Authorize the recently created Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H)** to strengthen and guide the agency's mission and activities to meet its critical objectives to advance human health.
- **Reauthorize the Department of Education's Title VI and Fulbright-Hays international education programs.** These longstanding programs are critical to building Americans' capacity in the foreign language skills and area studies expertise important to international business, economic competitiveness, and national security.
- **And reform the so-called "endowment tax"** on net investment income for some private universities, which is counterproductive to its own stated intent. The tax harms universities' ability to provide grants and scholarships that make college affordable and reduces universities' ability to support scientific and medical research important to our nation's health, economic competitiveness, and security. Every dollar paid to the U.S. Treasury as a result of this unprecedented tax on charitable resources is a dollar that would have been used for student scholarships, cancer research, and other scientific and educational endeavors. Any reform should align the tax to shared goals of access and recognize meaningful commitments to reduce undergraduate costs through grant aid.

Thank you for considering our views. We stand ready to work with you to build bipartisan support for FY23 appropriations legislation that will bolster our nation's health, economy, and security.

Sincerely,



Barbara R. Snyder, President

cc: Members of House and Senate Appropriations Committees