



February 26, 2020

The Honorable Richard Shelby  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Defense  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Pete Visclosky  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Defense  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Richard Durbin  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Defense  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States Senate  
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The Honorable Ken Calvert  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Defense  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairmen Shelby and Visclosky, and Ranking Members Durbin and Calvert,

The undersigned members of the Coalition for National Security Research (CNSR) would like to thank you for your strong support for the robust Defense Science & Technology (S&T) funding levels in the final FY 2020 National Security Appropriations Minibus. We remain deeply appreciative of the extraordinary amount of work that you have put into ensuring that the future U.S. technological superiority is not sacrificed to more immediate budget demands.

As the rate of technological advancement globally continues to accelerate, we increasingly will run the risk of being outpaced by adversaries that are seeking to exploit potential gaps in our ability to keep pace. The FY 2020 Defense Appropriations bill is an encouraging statement that Congress recognizes this threat and has the vision to look beyond the threats that we currently face to those we will face twenty, thirty and forty years from now.

Specifically, we are pleased with the increases in funding for University Research Initiatives across all military Services. Funding for the multidisciplinary university research initiative (MURI) and defense university research instrumentation program (DURIP) remain among our top priorities as they regularly sponsor university basic research that produces revolutionary new military technologies in critical areas such as quantum materials, biologically-enhanced sensing and computing, autonomous reasoning, and adaptive materials.

We applaud this bill as exemplary of the delicate balance that must be struck between immediate and long-term considerations. As the nation's premier national security research organizations, we are committed to fortifying the leading edge of technological innovation in the United States. We look forward to continuing to work with you during the FY 2021 appropriations process.

Sincerely,

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American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)  
American Chemical Society (ACS)  
American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering  
American Mathematical Society (AMS)  
American Psychological Association (APA)  
American Society for Engineering Education  
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